

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 *Excitement, expectations, and preparations are all part of making Christmas celebrations special. I wish for you and yours a very special holiday season and I encourage you to make memories in your own special way. Merry Christmas and God bless you.*

Join your Psi Sisters on **December 6** for our Christmas celebration. Bring your favorite dish for the pot-luck meal. The fellowship, food, and festivities will be enjoyable. Sheryl Wilson and committee have a wonderful program planned.

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself. —Norman Wesley Brooks

At the Nov. meeting, Yvonne Busby and her team presented thought provoking info about the challenging expectations that the state education system has given the local schools and teachers.

Psi Chapter T shirts—

Reserve your shirts today !
Sherry Fulton has done a great job designing the shirt. \$18-\$20.
Order form is attached.



Literacy Project—In November, you brought wonderful books that will be given to **PreK** classes to provide take home books for young children. That opportunity is available again at the December meeting. So bring a book.



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!!!

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.



Important Dates

Christmas—Dec. 6, 2012, 6 PM, Pot luck meal. Council on Aging Building, Hostesses-Converse/Pleasant Hill

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

Know a Key woman educator? 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 1, 2012—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 rein-statement. (no vote has to be taken by the chapter). Reinstatement forms will be at the December 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/>

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 2013, beginning on a Friday afternoon and continuing through breakfast on Sunday. The deadline for application is Jan. 15. The application and guidelines are also on the website.

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.

Happy Birthday!

- 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



I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old, familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
 ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Ready to share your creativeness? Epsilon members are encouraged to submit their designs for consideration of this year's convention booklet cover. This booklet contains committee reports, program agendas and much more. The deadline for submission is January 10. This gives all members ample time to utilize their creative "juices" for a design that is unique and appealing. The booklet measures 8 1/2" x 11". Please remember that the following items should be included in the submission. Send to Donnis Poe – donnispo@yahoo.com

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, Epsilon State Convention

REACHing Goals: Healthy Chapters Empowering Women

International Theme: Sharing our Vision, Strengthening our Society

79th Year, March 15-17, 2013, Lincoln Parish Library Events Center, Ruston, Louisiana

Epsilon State Convention Choir— If interesting in singing in a choir at the convention in Ruston, please let Dr. Gwen Taylor know. Application form is attached to the email.