

75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Diamond Reflections

Friday, April 23, 2010

Characters:

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton
Stella Bench
Dr. Ruth Brown
Ethel Coe
Flora Cook
Helen Koch
Erma Imboden
Dr. Mayme Logsdon

Dr. Emma Reinhardt
Isabella Dolton
Ada Manning
Pearl Tiley
Dr. Helen Messenger
Livia Peterson
Grace Storm

Other Participants:

Joan Kalbacken
Lambda State Music Committee Members
Downstaters

(Stage Directions: The song **School Days** is heard. From the back of the room, Dr. Blanton makes her way to the stage loudly ringing a school bell. Music stops and she speaks as she reaches the stage.)

Dr. Blanton:

A gracious good evening ladies of Lambda State, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, and as the founder of our great society, I welcome you all, my sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma and fine members of Lambda State, to “Diamond Reflections,” this special 75th Jubilee celebration as we explore Lambda State’s sparkling past in song, dance, and poetry.

This is that special time we set aside at each convention that I fondly call our “Friendly Time,” when we come together not only as members and colleagues, but as true friends and sisters, to simply enjoy each other’s company. And, in our sparkling past, what better times in our lives did we enjoy our friends’ company than during those days we all spent in school houses and in classrooms, sometimes as students and other times as teachers? In years past, the school day often began with the ringing of the school bell, some of you may remember ringing the bell that brought your eager, and even your less than eager students, running through the schoolroom door. Ah, ***School Days***,

(Stage Directions: ***School Days*** is once more heard softly in background.)

that wonderful song we heard as we started our “Friendly Time” together here tonight. It brings back those times that set us on our path toward Delta Kappa Gamma, doesn’t it? Let’s go back there now, and sing together. You will find the words to the song at your table.

(Stage Directions: Lead the group in singing two verses of the chorus.)

My, you are all in lovely voice this evening! And now, sit back, get comfortable, kick your shoes off if you want, you are among friends. Come along with us, I invite one and all to step back in time, through our sparkling past to enjoy the many facets of life, 75 years ago, in 1935.

By the 1930s money was scarce because of the depression. Movies, parlor games and board games were popular. People gathered around radios to listen to baseball. Young people danced to the big bands. It was the golden age of the mystery novel as we all escaped into books, reading writers like Agatha Christie, Dashielle Hammett, and Raymond Chandler.

And, on March 16, 1935, Lambda State, Illinois, the first state north of the Mason-Dixon Line, the 11th state following the order of the Greek alphabet, was founded in a lovely ceremony at the Chicago Women's Club. Your Lambda State Founders—14 sparkling examples of excellence, met for their

initiation ceremony conducted by none other than the National President Mrs. Norma Smith.

In the words of your very own ***Newscaster***, “The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Illinois honored 14 dedicated women educators who extended the seven-fold purposes of the International Founders into Illinois. They worked with great distinction; they united others who were striving courageously and generously to improve the services and welfare of women educators; they inspired others to realize the aims of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society with wisdom and enthusiasm.” And, they are with us here tonight...those 14 dedicated women educators.

(Stage Directions: Hand to eyes, peering around the room, looking for the ladies.)

Ah, yes, there they are, these sparkling facets of Lambda State’s past. Ladies, please approach the stage and dazzle us with your presence!

(Stage Directions: 14 Founders take the stage in alphabetical order, arranged in semi-circular clumps of 3-4 behind Dr. Blanton. Smile and wave to the audience, casually chat among themselves. Once all are in place, Dr. Blanton will begin introductions.)

And who better to introduce these ladies, than the sparkling “gems” themselves. Miss Bench, let us begin with you.

(Stage Directions: Dr. Blanton approaches Stella Bench, hands the microphone to her, walks behind the founders to be in place to take the microphone after the last founder introduces herself.)

Stella Bench:

Good evening, I am Stella Bench, the principal of Galena High School, located in northwestern Illinois, in the city of Galena, famous as the home of President Ulysses S. Grant. Following my initiation as one of the 14 founders of Lambda State, the next year I went on to become a charter member of Zeta Chapter. I also helped organize Pi Chapter, in 1938, making friendships and enjoying fellowship with my new Lambda State sisters, including Dr. Ruth Brown. Good evening, Ruth.

(Stage Directions: Miss Bench passes the microphone to Dr. Ruth Brown.)

Dr. Ruth Brown:

Yes, Stella, we made so many friends in Lambda State. Greetings, Lambda State sisters, my name is Dr. Ruth Brown. I began my teaching career as a

high school teacher, then, I spent 15 years at Illinois College in Jacksonville as Professor of Classics. Following our lovely initiation ceremony, I was proud to serve as the first Lambda State “Keeper of the Records.” And next to me is someone who kept our records, as well. I would like to introduce Mrs. Ethel C. Coe.

(Stage Directions: Dr. Brown hands microphone to Mrs. Ethel Coe.)

Mrs. Ethel C. Coe:

Thank you, Dr. Brown. Hello everyone, I am Ethel Coe. I was proud to serve as Lambda State’s first recording secretary. In the beginning of Lambda State, I was a charter member of Epsilon Chapter then later I became a charter member of Alpha Theta, where I remained. Rural education was my passion in my work as County Superintendent of the McHenry County Schools, based in Woodstock, Illinois. In nearby Chicago, Miss Flora J. Cooke, our first honorary member of Lambda State, was known for her work in urban education. How nice to see you, Miss Cooke.

(Stage Directions: Mrs. Coe hands microphone to Miss Flora J. Cooke.)

Miss Flora J. Cooke:

Good evening all, I am pleased to join you here tonight. I was the principal of Francis W. Parker School in Chicago for over 30 years and retired in 1934. The very next year I was honored to be initiated as an honorary member of Lambda State. Four other Lambda State ladies and I went on to be charter members of Kappa Chapter.

(Stage Directions: At this point, Miss Cooke looks around at the other founders, while Dolton, Koch, Logsdon, and Storm wave and nod at her.)

And this fine educator, Miss Isabella Dolton, was one of them. So nice to see you Isabella

(Stage Directions: Miss Cooke hands the microphone to Miss Dolton.)

Miss Isabella Dolton:

Thank you, Flora. Like some of the other Lambda State founders, I, too, was a high school principal-- at Kelly High School in Chicago-- before going on to become the Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools. Throughout my life, I was never afraid to learn new things. I had many opportunities. I served on the State Commission on

Child Welfare and as President of the Chicago Principals' Association. When I was 70 years old I went to work in a Defense Plant. Now that was an experience! And now turning to one of our founders who just might have trained some of my teachers in the Chicago Schools, I would like to introduce Miss Erma Imboden.

(**Stage Directions:** Miss Dolton hands the microphone to Miss Imboden.)

Miss Erma Imboden:

Yes, Isabella, some of your teachers may have received their training at Illinois State Normal University in the city of Normal, where I served as an Assistant Professor in teacher training and as a mathematics teacher during summer sessions at the University. I applied my math skills as Lambda State's first treasurer and I understand that a Lambda State Scholarship was established in my name. What an honor! I especially enjoyed serving as a charter member of Beta Chapter and helping to organize Alpha, Tau, and Alpha Zeta Chapters. And now it is my great pleasure to introduce to you, Dr. Helen Koch, who holds the dual distinction of being

a founder of the national Delta Kappa Gamma Society and a founder of Lambda State. Dr. Koch.

(**Stage Directions:** Miss Imboden hands the microphone to Dr. Helen Koch.)

Dr. Helen L. Koch:

Thank you, Erma, and good evening Lambda State sisters. You are absolutely right, during the years I was teaching at the University of Texas, I was honored to be asked by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton to serve as one of the 12 original founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Shortly after that, I returned to Illinois to the University of Chicago as Associate Professor of Child Psychology where I became interested in the study of twins--because my mother was a twin! I even wrote a book on the subject.

So, in 1935, I was asked to serve as a founder of Lambda State, as well, and along with others here, I became a charter member of Kappa Chapter. Later, in 1939, I helped organize Rho Chapter with my colleague, Dr. Mayme Logsdon. Good evening, Mayme.

(**Stage Directions:** Dr. Koch turn to Dr. Logsdon, hand her the microphone.)

Dr. Mayme Logsdon:

Hello, Helen, and it is nice to see all of you, as well Helen and I were professors together at the University of Chicago. I was an Associate Professor of Mathematics with special interests in the field of mathematical analysis. I enjoyed being a charter member of Kappa Chapter and was honored to help organize Rho Chapter with my Lambda State sisters. We sometimes enjoyed each other's company outside of Lambda State as well, in the great outdoors at my rustic cottage nearby in the Dunes of Indiana! And, now I would like to introduce Mrs. Ada Manning.

(**Stage Directions:** Dr. Logsdon hands the microphone to Mrs. Manning.)

Mrs. Ada Manning:

Good evening, Mayme, and my Lambda State sisters. My name is Ada Manning. I began my career as a classroom teacher, became a principal, and then was hired as the Superintendent of the Lombard Public schools in the city of Lombard.

Later, I was appointed Assistant Superintendent of McHenry County Schools and worked under my Lambda State sister and close friend, Ethel Coe.

(Stage Directions: Peek out at Ethel Coe and wave.)

After Lambda State was founded in 1935, I became a charter member of Epsilon. Then, later, Ethel and I, along with the help of our first Lambda State President, Dr. Helen Messenger, organized and became members of Alpha Theta. We certainly enjoyed working together, didn't we, Helen?

(Stage Directions: Turn and hand the microphone to Dr. Messenger.)

Dr. Helen Messenger:

My yes, Ada, we had a wonderful time organizing lots of new chapters in those days. I went on to organize more than a dozen new chapters, with my Lambda State sisters, one of which was my own Alpha Chapter. During my career, I focused on teacher training as Professor of Education at Northern Illinois State Teachers' College in DeKalb, and was involved in education associations at all levels. I was active at all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma, too, as a Lambda State founder, as the first

State President and on many different committees. I also served at the national level, as the parliamentarian and second vice president. And I must admit how proud I am that the first Lambda State Scholarship was named in my honor. And now, I am honored to introduce the woman who served as my 2nd Vice President in Lambda State, Mrs. Livia Peterson.

(Stage Directions: Turn to hand the microphone to Mrs. Peterson.)

Mrs. Livia Y. Peterson:

Thank you, Helen and good evening, ladies. As one of the 14 founders of Lambda State, I represent the classroom teacher. I taught 1st grade in the Winnetka Public Schools in northern Illinois. Throughout my teaching career, I developed sets of elementary reading materials and am proud to say I co-authored a book called “Fair Wind.”

I would be happy to show it to you later. I was privileged to help organize and serve as a charter member of Eta Chapter. And like many of you, I also

went on to hold various chapter offices throughout my years of membership. As did the next founder,

(Stage Directions: Gesture toward Dr. Emma Reinhardt)

who not only served as our 2nd Lambda State President but also went on to become our National Delta Kappa Gamma President, Dr. Emma Reinhardt.

(Stage Directions: Turn and hand microphone to Dr. Reinhardt.)

Dr. Emma Reinhardt:

Yes, Livia, in those early years, we all served in lots of capacities, didn't we? As the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, I helped organize seven chapters and was a charter member of my own Gamma Chapter. I truly enjoyed my biennium as Lambda State President in 1938 and then went on to be the national Delta Kappa Gamma president in 1940! What a whirlwind that was! Through it all, I worked as Head of the Education Department at Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College and found time to write a book on *American Education: An Introduction*

And, my fellow founder, Miss Grace Storm, was an author as well. Hello, Grace, how nice it is to see you.

(Stage Directions: Hand the microphone to Miss Grace Storm.)

Miss Grace Storm:

Thank you, Emma. Writing books was a pastime we shared, wasn't it? My work as Assistant Professor of Kindergarten and Primary Education at the University of Chicago gave me the opportunity to co-write a series of children's readers with lovely stories and color illustrations.

And I enjoyed my supportive University of Chicago colleagues as my new Delta Kappa Gamma sisters following our initiation as founders. I also found a kindred colleague in Miss Pearl Tiley, who was the Superintendent of Kindergarten and Primary Grades, in Belleville. We shared common interests, didn't we, Pearl?

(Stage Directions: Hand microphone to Miss Tiley.)

Miss Pearl Tiley:

Yes, we did, Grace. We all had such common interests as educators and writers. It was remarkable to join with 13 other women from all corners of the state with outstanding careers as teachers, principals, and superintendents in public schools, and as professors and department chairs in colleges and universities. It was remarkable that we came together as founders of Lambda State, within the Delta Kappa Gamma Society on March 16, 1935 at the Chicago Women's Club, 75 years ago.

(Stage Directions: Turn to address Annie Webb Blanton.)

Dr. Blanton, now that everyone knows a bit more about each of us, this is a good time for all of us to explore some of the other facets of our world 75 years ago in 1935--- through the songs and dance and poetry you promised us earlier!

(Stage Directions: Turn and look at the rest of the Founders. Gesture toward the chairs in the audience.)

That is our cue, ladies! (Look around at the rest of the founders) Let's be seated so our "Friendly Time" can go on!

(**Stage Directions:** She hands the microphone to Dr. Blanton, and all the Founders leave the stage to be seated.)

Dr. Blanton:

Even though money might have been scarce in 1935, we all found ways to make our lives happy. We played board games, socialized with family and friends, and gathered 'round the radio. Radio turned us into a land of listeners. We listen to news and sports, even to the President of the United States. But most of all we enjoyed our entertainment shows and music. It was easy to keep up with the most popular songs of the day because every Saturday night we could gather 'round the radio for one of the most listened-to radio shows of the 30s---"Your Hit Parade." Do you know it? Each Saturday evening, vocalists backed up by full orchestras, mind you, sang the top standards, counting down to the number 1 song of the week. How we would anticipate that, and try to guess which song might be in the coveted number 1 spot! Why, just listen...I can almost hear the announcer now... starting that famous countdown of favorite tunes on "Your Hit Parade."

(Stage Directions: Music Committee Narrator comes on stage, or steps up to one of the floor microphones, whichever works the best. If she comes onto the stage, Dr. Blanton hands microphone to her and exits the stage. Music Committee comes onto the stage, standing one behind the other at center stage in a line from the front of the stage to the back of the stage, so only the first woman is visible. Stand in the order in which their names will be called by the Narrator. See the order list below.)

Narrator:

And now, Lambda State and “Your Hit Parade” proudly present for your listening pleasure the Top Ten songs of 1935, the top tunes all over America, selected from the “best sellers on sheet music and phonograph records, the songs most heard on the air and most played on the automatic coin machines, an accurate, authentic tabulation of American’s taste in popular music,” sung here tonight by

Joy Beebe

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Elaine Cunningham

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Susan Kaye

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Patti McNaught

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Jean Pittman

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Judy Voorhees

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Debra Vorce

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage.)

Pat Wakey

(Stage Directions: Curtsy, smile, wave, then move stage right/left or off stage)

And we would like to acknowledge our Music Committee Hit Parade sister, Barb Gillespie, who is not able to join us here tonight.

(Stage Directions: Just as the last woman is introduced and moves away from center stage, Sue Young makes a grand, flourishing entrance onto the stage to the mock, exaggerated surprise of the rest of the ladies and the Narrator. Sue can either be the last woman in the line who doesn't come into view until the end of the line, or can be seated in the audience, or could appear through one of the doors near the back of the stage, from the hallway, whichever seems the most dramatic. She will need to work out getting a microphone. Sue Young sings "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," and exits just as dramatically.)

Narrator:

Oh my, what a performer!

(Stage Directions: Exaggerated eye rolling and head shaking)

And that was our very own Sue Young singing the Number 10 song on "Your Hit Parade of 1935," "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," which originally was a lovely duet sung by Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddy in the operetta known as *Naughty Marietta*. This brings us to song Number 9 in our countdown to the Number 1 song of 1935. Number 9, featured in

an extravagant Busby Berkeley production number from the musical film *Gold Diggers of 1935*, is entitled “Lullaby of Broadway.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “Lullaby of Broadway”

Narrator:

Written by none other than Mr. *Ain’t Misbehavin’* himself, Fats Waller, that renowned pianist from Harlem, the Number 8 song in *Your Hit Parade* is “Truckin” followed by Number 7, a popular song and dance tune. Who will ever forget watching the amazing Fred Astaire in “Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails,” Number 7 in “*Your Hit Parade of 1935*.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails”

Narrator:

And now, let us leave our lives behind to stroll along the seashore, near the end of the day, listening as the waves softly break upon the sandy beach, drifting along with song Number 6 in our countdown, as we gaze at “Red Sails in the Sunset.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “Red Sails in the Sunset”

Narrator:

Coming in as Number 5 this evening on “Your Hit Parade of 1935,” from George and Ira Gershwin’s American Folk Opera, *Porgy and Bess*, rich in the musical tradition of blues, jazz , and classical opera, we will learn that “It Ain’t Necessarily So.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “It Ain’t Necessarily So”

Narrator:

Our countdown continues on to the fourth most popular song in America with Cole Porter’s lively hit from the musical *Anything Goes*. Played for us on the baby grand piano this evening by Sue Young. here is “Your Hit Parade,” song Number 4, “You’re the Top!”

Piano Soloist: Perform “You’re the Top”

Narrator:

Indeed, we have reached the “TOP” of the chart with the three most popular songs in the nation remaining! Coming in at Number 3 is a song Rodgers and Hart polished through 3 major lyric

revisions before hitting gold, or maybe I should say “blue” in a romantic tune that, once all was said and done, became “Blue Moon,” our Number 3 on “Your Hit Parade.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “Blue Moon”

Narrator:

Number 2 on “Your Hit Parade of 1935” finds us still near that blue moon, up in the heavens. Written by Irving Berlin for the movie *Top Hat*, and sung by Fred Astaire who is in Heaven, while dancing with the lovely Ginger Rogers, here are Joy Beebe and Sue Kaye singing “Cheek to Cheek.”

Music Committee or Soloist: Perform “Cheek to Cheek”

Narrator:

And now, it is time to reveal the top tune all across America, the Number 1 song on ‘Your Hit Parade of 1935’—see if you can guess the name of this trademark tune of a curly headed moppet with the sweetest voice and fastest tap shoes you ever saw!

Our Number 1 tune, from the movie *Bright Eyes*, takes us on a trip to candy land, where the bonbons play “On the Good Ship Lollipop!”

Music Committee: Perform “On the Good Ship Lollipop”

Narrator:

And now, we close “Your Hit Parade of 1935” with our famous good-bye:

(**Stage Directions:** Either all sing “So Long for Awhile” or narrator read the lyrics.)

So long for awhile
That’s all the songs for awhile
So long to Your Hit Parade
And the tunes that you wish to be played
So...long

(**Stage Directions:** At the conclusion, all wave to the audience. Take bows, exit the stage.)

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton: (**Stage Direction:** Returns to center stage)

I noticed something special during our journey through the most popular music of 1935...many of you were tapping your toes! Others of you were

fairly itching to stand up and move to the music! Am I right? Well, not everyone in the 1930s approved of dancing to the music, but, in the interest of “education” and in the interest of learning new things, and before we say “so long” to the wonderful music of the 1930s, let’s re-live those times through the facet of dance, as well. A special group of Lambda State ladies , you will certainly recognize, as your very own Downstater are here to sing and dance to a tune from the 1935 Broadway play called Jubilee, isn’t that something now—a 1935 play called Jubilee and here we are tonight celebrating your Jubilee. Oh, I like that! And now here they are, dancing to Cole Porter’s tune...”Just One of Those Things.”

(**Stage Directions:** Dr. Blanton exits the stage. Downstater take the stage to perform.)

Downstater perform to “Just One of those Things”

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton:

Well, I don’t know about you, but my toes are just about tapped out from all the fine music and dancing for Lambda State here tonight! And the memories...the memories of life 75 years ago, like

the facets of a brilliant diamond, shine on this evening, on this night when we are so proud of Lambda State's sparkling past. Diamond reflections...the warm glow and radiant sparkle of each sister, each one a gem, all of our sisters back then, all of you here and now, and all of our sisters-to-be, in the future. Diamond Reflections...the name of this very event---comes from a unique and special commemorative poem written especially for the 75th Jubilee Celebration by your very own Lambda State Poet Laureate, if I may be so bold to call her that, Joan Kalbacken, who will join us to read her poem, "Diamond Reflections."

(**Stage Directions:** Joan approaches a microphone to read the poem.)

Joan Kalbacken: Perform commemorative poem "Diamond Reflections"

DIAMOND REFLECTIONS

Rich diamonds reflect
From each sparkling gem
The pride of a cut
For a bright diadem.

Our Founders adorned
The crown with a prize,

A jewel of great honor,
A gem of small size.

Casting forth a bright image,
A strong Lambda State
Began with a passion
To help educate.

United in purpose,
Honoring only the best,
The leaders with brilliance
Their followers they blest.

Today in the chapters
Each gem does her part,
Respecting tradition,
She leads with her heart.

Celebrate the Diamond
It's now Seventy-Five;
The facet is shining;
Lambda State is Alive!

Joan Kalbacken
Beta Chapter

(Stage Directions: Joan exit stage, leave microphone, following the poem.)

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton:

And, indeed, Lambda State is alive tonight...why just look around the room and you will see! Each and every facet is shining bright with history and accomplishment and FUN! This is always how our "Friendly Time" is supposed to be! FUN!

It's time to ring that school bell once more! Only this time school is OUT! It's recess! It's time to play some 1930s games, learn some 1930s dance steps, page through old books, look through Lambda State artifacts---why there is a 75-year-old table favor personally dedicated and signed by yours truly in the back of the hall!

Just look around and see how your Lambda State Committees have decked this hall for you to enjoy. You are all invited to stop by the tables and see what they have prepared to entertain you! I understand some have prizes and candy and other goodies just for you!

In fact, your Founders have bags full of Lollipops---red heart-shaped lollipops, one for each and every

one of you. Be sure to find one of them and get yours—and feel free to have what you call these days, a photo opportunity with these lovely founders. They are so in tune with 1930s fashion—true fashion plates, aren't they?

Back in this corner, you can meet up with Linda McDonnell of the Downstaters! She brought some lovely music and will teach you all some dance steps of the 1930s! That's for all you toe-tappers! Head in that direction!

Do you like to play Bingo? Well, find the Program Committee Table because they have a bingo game featuring Lambda State and a Founders' Skit, wonderful program ideas to take back to your chapter.

Do you need a new school bag? What teacher doesn't? Stop by the Research Committee's "School Memories" display for your school bag and enjoy Diane Kettelson's chalking that she calls "The Little Red Schoolhouse."

Do you love books? Remember some of the classics you read as a child? Well, you can page through the Literacy Committee's special collection of books published over the past 75 years and at the Communications Committee table, as well, where they have some old-fashioned teaching materials we all used to use! Remember purple dittos?

Or maybe you are a game player? Do you fancy cards, board games, jacks, pick-up-sticks? We played lots of games in the 30s and the Ad Hoc 75th Celebration Committee brought them all along tonight. So, find a friend or make a new one and sit down at a table to play a round of Monopoly or Sorry, Scrabble or Dominoes, jacks or cards, or put together a puzzle, whatever you like!

And where there are games, there are Rules, the Rules Committee, that is, with their display of Building Blocks for a Strong Chapter!

And there are any number of displays showing Lambda State's sparkling past. Leadership Development and the Nominations Committee

collaborated to highlight past and present Lambda State Presidents and facets of each leader's biennium, along with reflections of future Lambda State leaders. The Scholarships Committee invites you to check out the pulse of Lambda State's generous giving hearts and to find out how you can receive scholarships and stipends. The Foundation is sharing brochures and applications packets for stipends, as well. And, Personal Growth and Services Committee invites you to look over their fascinating timeline of grant-in-aid award recipients. Now, ladies, I strongly suggest you all get this information about financial support for your professional and personal development...my very goodness that is what we are all about!

And, the creative women in the arts are inviting all of us to the annual Creative Arts Retreat and bringing us up-to-date on all those lovely young ladies who have won your special M. Josephine O'Neill award in years past. You have also supported sparkling future teachers through your Florence A. Cook Recruitment grants over the years, as you will see in the lovely book about Miss Cook

and the grant winners that the Professional Affairs Committee has prepared for you tonight.

Over at the Achievement Award table, you can catch up with photos of the previous winners of this prestigious award and gaze at a beautiful illustration of the award pendant, itself. Oh, lovely. And you can read historical tidbits at the Personnel table.

Oh, and remember when I said Candy before? Well, the International Projects Committee has a bowl of candy for everyone to sample while they look at the timeline of Lambda State's past State-to-State visits and receive information on the Marion Medical Mission.

Oh, and there is more candy at the Ad Hoc Committee table. They are conducting a guessing game to pick the year certain 1930s candies were invented, like Snickers and Heath bars, and those cinnamon Red Hots! Oh, I love Red Hots! Don't worry everybody wins a prize! If you like chocolate, head their way!

You'll also find the historic Lambda State artifacts there. These ladies raided the Lambda State archives and brought some very interesting items along for you to see. Some pieces are as old as our society and so priceless!

And what a priceless evening this has been ----and so, let our evening of Diamond Reflections burst forth in this Friendly Time. Find a friend, make a new friend, sparkle together in that Lambda State way....because this is our Diamond Jubilee.

And now, to send us on our way, here is your leader with a heart, Lambda State President Patricia Gaines.

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