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DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr. 29– May 1
2011

ETA State
Convention
Rocky Mount, NC

July 13 - 16
2011

Southeast Regional
Conference
Louisville, KY

July 24-28
2012

International
Convention,
New York,



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

Jennifer Swartz,
President

Lorine Davis,
1st Vice President

Karen Creech,
2nd Vice President

Debra Avery
Secretary

Becky Kuszmaul
Treasurer

Message from President Jennifer Swartz

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all enjoyed spending time with your loved ones during the recent Christmas season. Chip, MacKenzie, and I were able to spend even more time with our families in Elizabeth City at Christmas due to the snow that blanketed the state.

Snow is more enjoyable, I've decided, when it doesn't close school and eat up an expected spring break.

Christmas is always busy for us, but this holiday break brought even more activity as our home of the past ten years went under

contract and we settled on a closing date of January 31. We have been hopping with additional showings involving inspectors, appraisers, and handymen as we prepare the house for its new owners.

Already, 2011 is bringing changes for the Swartz family with this big move.

A big event for Alpha Beta in 2011 is our upcoming February business meeting. Tuesday, February 1, we will host State Superintendent June Atkinson at Benson United Methodist Church. Karen, Lorine, and I have been keeping our fingers

crossed that we are able to remain on Atkinson's calendar.

I am inviting Eta State President Betty Marshall to be with us at this meeting as Dr. Atkinson addresses current educational issues facing our students, teachers, administrators, and larger school communities. I hope you are looking forward to meeting the state superintendent as much as I am.



Eta State Updates

If our chapter wishes to sell any items at the convention, an application must be sent to the Finance Committee Chairman, Dot Carter, by **February 15th**. The application form and guidelines can be found on the Eta State website.

The nominations for *Women of Influence* to be included in the booklet at convention are due to Barbara Baker barbarabaker08@frontier.com by **January 15th**. The hope is that every chapter will have at least one member included in the booklet.

There are MANY very accomplished women in our chapter. They deserve state-wide recognition and additionally, all our members will feel proud to be in the company of such esteemed

colleagues. Nominations may be made by individuals or chapters. The form is also on the Eta State website and suggestions were in the recent *Eta Data* sent to chapter newsletter editors.

Our state convention is quickly approaching. If anyone in our chapter wishes to **present a workshop**, the application form should be sent to 2nd vice-president Susan Phipps by **January 10th**. That application form is on the Eta State website. Remember, this year's convention is conveniently located in Rocky Mount and registration is open for participants. A copy of the form is found on **Page 4** of this newsletter for your convenience.





Message from President cont.

We have more to look forward to in 2011 as we proceed with the initiation of new members to our Alpha Beta chapter. February 1 we will select new members to invite into our sisterhood. Initiation is a special time that calls on each of us to reflect on our own initiation ceremony and to call up the feelings of pride that we continue to experience as members of this distinguished group of educators. Until I see you next month, Happy New Year!



Biography Update

The Biography and Yearbook Committee continues its work as it updates our biographical data. They have already reorganized our contact information and included photos in our "red books"... even provided us with new "red books." Thanks to many of you who have taken time to update your information.

In order to help us collect this important information we are including another copy of the biography data sheet in this edition of Alpha Beta Bits on Page 3. If you are unable to type into the copy that was sent to you in the fall, please complete the included form and return it to Mary Helen Sills, Chairman of the Biography and Yearbook Committee, so that your information can be updated. It will help us with our work to publish a new biography.



At the December business meeting Karen Creech shared the benefit demonstrated through her recent use of DialMyCalls.com. This service has been useful in providing gentle reminders to Society members in order to bring us together for our business meetings.

We have agreed to expand our use of this new technology in order to help quickly share information needed by our members with regard to meetings, celebrations, and calls for prayers.



At the December meeting Society members addressed important rules regarding membership. Some members have not been attending the requisite number of meetings in order to maintain active membership.

If you have already missed the first two meetings of this year, please resolve to be in attendance for the last two meetings, February 1 and April 5, 2011. Our chapter is made strong through the leadership and teamwork of our membership. We look forward to seeing you soon.



**Alpha Beta Chapter
of
Delta Kappa Gamma**

Birthplace, date: _____

Husband: _____

Children: _____

Parents: _____

Church Memberships: _____

Hobbies: _____

Education

High School: _____

College: _____

Graduate: _____

Professional Experiences: Number of Years Taught: _____

Community and Organization Experiences:

Honors and Awards:

Delta Kappa Gamma Number of Years: _____

Alpha Beta Chapter: Place & Date of Initiation: _____

Transferred from: _____ **Resignation Date:** _____

Transferred to: _____ **Deceased: Date, Location:** _____

Eta State Experiences: _____

Alpha Beta Experiences: _____

Call for Convention Workshops

Eta State members and others are invited to submit workshop proposals for the 2011 Eta State Convention. Workshops, one hour in length, are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 30, 2011. Topics must fit into one of the following strands: Education, Leadership, Society (any committee area), Technology, Green Issues, Lifelong Learning or Global Issues. To submit a proposal, fill out the form below and send it in by **January 10, 2011**.

Workshop Proposal Form

Presenter Name(s) _____

Address _____

Chapter/Group/Committee _____

Contact phone number _____

Email _____

Strand(s) _____

Brief Synopsis _____

Equipment needs _____

(Handouts are the responsibility of the presenter.)

Email Susan Phipps at phippss@charter.net or mail Susan Phipps to 191 Winding way, Boone, NC 28607.

Feb.– April Birthdays



A special “**Birthday Wish**” from your Alpha Beta Sisters

February	March	April
Mary Helen Sills –26	Dorothy Harris –17	Freddie Creech –1
	Allette Hale –19	Bess Ragsdale - 14
	Jean Simmons –20	Frances Warren –14
	Sue Wood –20	Olive Cooke –16
	Renee Oliver –28	Pama Kirby –24
	Thelma Harris –30	Cynthia Parrish –29
	Marlene Sanders –30	

Purpose and Mission



The Delta Kappa
Gamma Society
International

promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**Alpha Beta Chapter
Organized April 19, 1952**

TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

TO HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

TO ADVANCE the professional interest and position of women in education.

TO INITIATE, ENDORSE, AND SUPPORT desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators from other countries.

TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

TO INFORM the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.