

## MEETING

MONDAY

OCTOBER 4,  
2010

4:15 PM

JOHNSON  
FARM

INITIATION

REFLECTION

RENEWAL

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## Meet our new initiates



CAROLE BREERWOOD

Carole is from Louisiana where she attended the University of New Orleans. She also attended the University of Memphis. She is certified in elementary education, curriculum and instruction and reading and is currently principal of Immaculata Catholic School. Her hobbies are cross stitch, crewel embroidery and needlepoint. Gumbo is her red bone hound. Married, Carole has three children and eight grandchildren.

and attending her kids' sporting events. She is married and has three children. Pets include a dog, 3 cats and 4 very cute rats.



DEBORAH  
KIRKMAN

Deborah is a native North Carolinian having grown up in Elkin. She attended Greensboro College and UNC-Chapel Hill. Certified in art education she is

currently director of the preschool at First United Methodist Church in Hendersonville. Hobbies are gardening, walking and painting. She is mother to two grown children and has one grandchild. She is overjoyed every day she can spend with children. Her greatest delight is family and friends.

ANGELA  
CRAWFORD



Angela attended elementary and middle school in Snellville, Georgia and graduated from West Henderson High School. She received her undergraduate degree from WCU and her master's from Southern Wesleyan University. Certified K-6. she currently teaches at Sugar Loaf Elementary. Angela is single and enjoys reading and playing with her 84 pound German Shepherd, Raz, who is 12 years old.

THERESA  
PARKS



Theresa was reared in Henderson County where she attended Edneyville Elementary and Edneyville High, Blue Ridge Community College and Mars Hill College. She is certified in K-6 with a concentration in social studies and is currently teaching at Bruce Drysdale Elementary. Interests are reading, puzzles, Sudoku, music and time with family. She is married to former police chief, Donnie Parks, and has two grown children, Scottie, operations director for Henderson County Boys and Girls Club and Carissa, a registered nurse at Mission Hospital.



JILL JACKSON

Jill attended elementary, middle and high school in Florida, after which she attended Furman University and Appalachian University. She is certified in secondary math and is currently teaching math at Hendersonville Middle School. Her interests are gardening, hiking, camping

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
(as of August 27, 2010)

Checking	\$1037.78
Checking Money M.	4624.09
Scholarship	1559.27
Recruitment	8024.62
Shares	25.48

(\$372.36 of checking is earmarked for the literacy project)

**ABOUT OCTOBER 4**

Make plans to share in the enjoyment and excitement of a new member initiation. Prepare to renew your own commitment to DKG. Recall your own initiation and subsequent involvement in Alpha Lambda as several of your sisters share what DKG means to them. Meet your new Region XI Director, Dr. Jeanette Hedrick from Murphy.

**DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION!**

**Seven Purposes**

- Unite women educators
- Honor women
- Advance professional interest and position of women in education
- Initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation
- Endow scholarships
- Stimulate personal and professional growth
- Inform membership of economic, social, political, and educational issues

# Musings from Marilyn

Dear Sisters,

The Eta State motto for this biennium, "Becoming Voices of Influence," has been running through my mind. The following question keeps jumping out: How can Alpha Lambda sisters provide positive influences inside our chapter?

Checking Webster's College Dictionary, the definition that seems appropriate for Alpha Lambda sisters is "the power of a person or group to produce effects without the exertion of physical force or authority based on wealth, social position or ability."

As key women educators, we want to be voices of influence with each other. Therefore, one of the Alpha Lambda goals for

this biennium is to unite our sisters in a genuine spiritual fellowship. This is being accomplished by having a pictorial directory; providing greeters at each meeting; communicating with sisters via phone, email and cards; providing opportunities to visit and enjoy one other; and working together on committees and programs to influence those outside our chapter.

I have personally enjoyed connecting names and faces via the directory and learned that our charter member, Elizabeth Rogers, taught Latin and Alpha Lambda sisters are very caring as evidenced by cards and notes sent to sisters needing encouragement (just ask Debbie Lunsford, Linda Flynn and Theresa Parks).

At our "Initiation, Reflection and Renewal"

meeting on October 4, we will be looking at influencing the future as our five new members bring their talents, skills and abilities to our chapter. Perusing albums of Alpha Lambda's past will provide opportunities to reflect. Several sisters, including our Region XI Director, Dr. Jeanette Hedrick, will share their interests and hobbies as well as how being a Delta Kappa Gamma member has influenced and renewed their personal and professional lives.

The real effect of Alpha Lambda's influence will be seen as we reach out to our students, peers, administrators, families, friends and communities and make a difference in their lives.

Marilyn Yoder, President

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Year since 2004 is to notify Debbie. Records for this committee were lost upon the death of a member holding the chairmanship of this committee several years ago.

**Professional Affairs**—Evelyn Lanning, Chair, reported this is the last year of financial support for Sarah Brower as Sarah is a senior and will be graduating in the spring. A new recruitment grant recipient will be chosen next spring. The Committee recommended that the Ceremony of Remembrance be held every other year instead of every year as has been the custom. However, memorial and honorary donations to the Recruitment Grant are desired and will be accepted and acknowledged at any time. Should a member die, a Ceremony of Remembrance will be held that year whether one was planned or not. The Committee recommended that a \$500 scholar-

ship through BRCC Education Foundation be set up in the chapter name. The recipient must be training to teach. Half of the startup money will come from the general fund and half from the recruitment grant fund.

**Research**—Helen Palmer, Chair, reported her committee has yet to meet; however, there has been a suggestion that the Committee create brochures on the lives of deceased members for our history.

The **Standing Rules Committee** will be working with Wanda as new information is received from Eta State and International on the constitution and standing rules changes adopted at this year's international convention in Spokane.

**World Fellowships**—Debbie Greene, Chair, was sick and will report at a later time.

**Communications**—Joyce Loftin, Chair, shared a commendation from Eta State on the newsletter.

The web site is up thanks to Michele Burnette.

**Scholarships**—Candy Priest, Chair, reviewed the levels of support available to members. Members can apply for scholarships for higher level degrees and mini grants for conferences, workshops or individual projects.

**Literacy**—Patsy Farmer Jones, Chair, reviewed the background of the Literacy Project. In addition to providing preschool books to the Health Department and Blue Ridge Health Center, the Committee moved that five books be given to each kindergarten class in the county as funds become available. This project would likely extend over several years. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song. Sara Lee challenged members to memorize the words. Respectfully submitted, Deborah Lunsford

# Committee matters

## CANDY PRIEST, Scholarships

Scholarships for advanced degree work will be honored first. Should no one apply in this category and/or monies remain after such scholarships have been awarded, members may apply for a mini scholarship to be used for a workshop, a recertification course, etc. Should all monies available in any given year not be exhausted with the granting of scholarships and/or mini scholarships, a member may apply for a mini grant to support a teaching objective. Candy will keep the membership informed as to deadlines for scholarships and whether or not mini scholarships and/or mini grants will be available. Contact Candy at 685-7830 or [candypriest@bellsouth.net](mailto:candypriest@bellsouth.net)

## PHYLLIS WILSON, Finance

We made \$437.50 on an \$8312 order in August. We will take an order again on October 4. Remember, we receive 5% from the purchase of the cards with a minimum order of \$5000. Ingles cards are easy to use and can be used for gifts. Having a card for your own use can speed the checkout process. Please call or e-mail Phyllis with your order if you are unable to attend the October meeting.

692-4668

[tpwilson@brinet.com](mailto:tpwilson@brinet.com)

## PATSY FARMER JONES, Literacy

Don't forget to bring appropriate children's books for this project or donate \$10 for the purchase of books.

## SUSAN BAILEY, Treasurer

All dues should be given to me no later than October 15. Dues for active members are \$75 and reserve member dues are \$32. Checks should be made to Alpha Lambda. Bring dues to the October 4 meeting or send to Susan at PO Box 241, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE AUCTION?

The auction coming up on November 20 is one of our major fund raisers—an easy and fun way to keep our general fund replenished. It is time **NOW** to be thinking about what you will bake, craft, etc. that will cause your sisters and guests to bid competitively. Marilyn Y. plans to offer a lunch to the highest bidder. Wanda L. will offer a custom made “princess” dress. We can always count on Anne S. for her “famous” pound cake, Phyllis W. for a casserole and Linda P. and Beverly W. for some new handmade creation. Plan **NOW** for what you will contribute!

### State news.....

**Eta Data** is the Eta State Communications Committee newsletter published monthly for chapter editors. A recent issue contained a commendation for Michele, our website master, from international representative, Beverly Helms. Beverly said, “Congratulations. Thanks for increasing the visibility of your chapter. Way to go NC!”

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Patsy Farmer Jones, Marilyn Yoder, Martie Embry and Cindy Ellis have all lived in six states
- Linda Flynn has taught at 11 different schools
- Evelyn Lanning, Patsy F. Jones, Marilyn Yoder and Sara Lee Nickell were band members in high school
- Candy Priest went to China this summer

## International news

Please **NOTE** that there has been a change to one of the seven purposes as a result of the constitution revision. Purpose 5 now reads “To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.” Previously, it read.....”to women educators from other countries.”

You should have recently received your September/October DKG News and the

Fall edition of the Bulletin. Take time to read them in order to become more informed about our organization.

In the *News* is an article about Beverly Helms being honored with the 78th International Achievement Award. Some of us will remember Beverly from the Southeast Regional Conference several years ago in Durham, NC, a vivacious, articulate leader.

From an article in the *News*, parliamentarian Jean Gray said, “The Constitution revision gives more latitude to chapters and state organizations. Many items are worded to eliminate ambiguity in meaning and increase flexibility, leaving more decisions up to the chapter.” An official copy of the revised constitution and standing rules is forthcoming in January, 2011.



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## Alpha Lambda News

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

## Minutes

### 8-28-10, 10:30 am, Home of Sharon Johnson

Alpha Lambda Chapter held its first regular business meeting of the year with brunch and business.

President Marilyn Yoder called the business meeting to order at 11:15 am. She announced that in the absence of secretary Michele Burnett, Debbie Lunsford would take the minutes. Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the August newsletter. President Yoder reported that the Executive Committee had met twice. One action of the Executive Committee was the appointment of Linda Flynn to the second vice president's position because of the resignation of the second vice president elect. President Yoder presented Paula Deen tea bags to Chris Smith, Evelyn Lanning and Dot Roberts in honor of their birthdays.

President Yoder reminded members of the Eta State ongoing themes of "Becoming Voices of Influence" and "Going Green." Alpha Lambda programs will attempt to incorporate these themes.

Phyllis Wilson, Finance Committee Chair, presented the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer Susan Bailey. The report was filed as read. A printed copy is in the August newsletter.

Sherry Miller read thank you notes from Sarah Brower and Debbie Lunsford. She also read resignation letters from Nancy Randall, Mary Margaret Ingle and Paddy Lynch. Motions were made and accepted with regret for each. The secretary will notify each that her resignation was accepted with regret.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance**—Phyllis Wilson, Chair reviewed the duties of the Finance Committee which includes conducting a yearly audit, overseeing chapter finances and making a final report to the membership. Selling Ingles cards and the auction will continue to be the main fund raisers. The Committee moved that \$500 be moved from the money market account to the general account for member scholarships. The motion passed. Last year's dues of \$75 will remain the same for the current year. The 2010-2011 budget was reviewed in detail, after which the Finance Committee moved it be accepted. The motion passed.

**Membership**—Sharman Norman, Chair, presented five prospective members for consideration. Four of the five were present

while the fifth was experiencing a medical emergency. The prospective members are: Carole Breerwood, principal of Immaculata Catholic School; Angela Crawford, teacher at Sugar Loaf Elementary; Jill Jackson, teacher at Hendersonville Middle; Deborah Kirkman, director of First Methodist Pre-School; and Theresa Parks, teacher at Bruce Drysdale Elementary. The five were unanimously accepted and will be initiated at the October 4 meeting. A second initiation is anticipated in the spring. The Committee moved the chapter purchase key pins for the new members with the understanding the pin will be returned when a member resigns. The motion passed.

**Personal Growth and Services**—Debbie Lunsford, Chair, announced an Eta State retreat in Charlotte on October 2 called "Fast Tracking into the Future." Wanda had registration forms for anyone interested. The January meeting will feature Darlene Das on manners for the 21st century. For the archives, anyone honored as Member of the

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