

GAMMA ETA NEWSLETTER

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Donna's Dialogue

By: President Donna Anderson



The month of March begins with many things for which we can be thankful....

Most of all that no lives were lost in the wildfire last Sunday.

After viewing the burned areas between Roaring Springs and Matador, I am thankful that there were few injuries and so little loss of buildings in the area. While in Matador today, I was told it was Divine intervention that spared the town. Looking at the charred aftermath of the wildfire, it is easy to agree with that statement.

I am also thankful that the March first TAKS test is behind us. Now we can look forward to our March meeting and then on to Spring Break!

~See you Monday night!



Alpha State,
Texas
Gamma Eta
Chapter
Chapter 79
Area XII

Including:
Cottle, Crosby,
Dickens, Motley,
Kent, and King Counties



**MARCH
HOSTESS GROUP:**
Matador

Lindy Stafford, Chelsea Read,
Willita Burke, Karen Rothwell

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NEXT MEETING

When: Monday, March 7th
5:30 p.m.

What: Chapter Meeting

Facilitator: Vivian Morris

Where: FUMC Matador

Greeter: Patsy Weems

Icebreaker: Merla Watson

**Program: Gamma Eta's
Birthday Bash**

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ON FEBRUARY 7TH., GAMMA ETA MEMBERS SHARED A "NIGHT AT THE MUSEUMS" IN CROSBYTON, TEXAS. BEGINNING THEIR TOUR AT THE PIONEER MEMORIAL MUSEUM LED BY GARY MITCHELL, GE MEMBERS THEN MOVED TO THE MT. BLANCO FOSSIL MUSEUM WHERE GAMMA ETA SISTERS ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL, CATERED BY CHARLEY'S, AND FINISHED UP WITH AN INFORMATIVE TOUR LED BY JOE TAYLOR.





Minutes of the February 7, 2011 Meeting of Gamma Eta by Lindy Stafford

Seventeen members of Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in Crosbyton on Monday, February 7, 2011, for "A Night at the Museums."

Gary Mitchell, Administrator of the Crosby County Pioneer Museum, met the group at 5:30 for a tour. Members were treated to a tour that included the newest part of the museum dedicated to Quanah Parker and his part in the history of Crosby County.

After the tour, the group went across the street to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum. A chicken fried steak dinner with all the trimmings was served. Cheryl Hindman introduced Joe Taylor, owner of the museum, who would take the group on a tour later in the evening. Members enjoyed an ice breaker presented by Rhea Melton which was a brain teaser that covered the formation of Gamma Eta. After searching our brains and handbooks for answers to the questions, Rhea provided answers which provoked many "Oh, I knew that's."

Before the tour, Donna Anderson presided over a short business meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. The treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$1,993.58. There were no committee reports. Merla Watson asked if she could read a statement about the state budget proposal and its effect on county libraries. If the state eliminates direct aid funding to libraries, many often used programs will be cut. We were asked to write what our county libraries mean to us and our communities so that she could take them to Austin next week to lobby for continued resources for our libraries.

Janie Wigley asked that we all wear clothing the color of our birthstones to our next meeting on March 7th in Matador for our birthday celebration.

Gamma Eta received the Early Bird Award for our yearbook. Those wanting to go to the state convention in McAllen need to contact Donna Anderson. Also, anyone who would like to serve on a state committee should contact her.

Merla gave our angel to Brenda Karr with a big hug.

The group then followed Joe Taylor who showed us his work with fossils found in our area and explained the importance of knowing what has happened in our world before us.

The meeting was adjourned.

Floyd, Motley, and Dickens County Wildfires

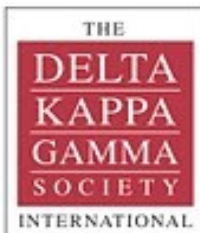
After the wildfires that occurred last week, Cheryl Hindman visited with Lindy Stafford by phone and sent the following email to all Gamma Eta emailers. As President Donna Anderson, mentioned on the front page, the successful firefighting has been largely attributed to Divine Intervention.

Here is Cheryl's email:

Sisters, I spoke with Lindy this afternoon. She shared that she was fine. She did have to leave town, went to Turkey to stay the night with a friend. Lindy credits Divine Power to saving the town of Matador. Please thank God along with Lindy for saving the town of Matador, along with the safety of many others in other towns.



The Matador hostess group is still planning to have us for the Monday 3/7/11 meeting. See you there. Perhaps you can get up close and personal information from Lindy at that time. She did say the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* website has great video of the fire. See you Monday in Matador!



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Our Thoughts and Prayers to...

Everyone who suffered loss due to the recent wildfires in Floyd, Motley, and Dickens counties.

Our Speedy Recovery to...

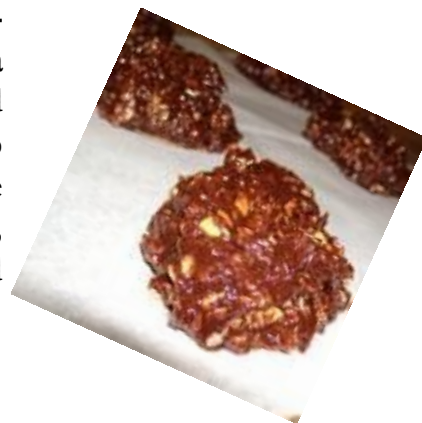
Chelsea Read's husband. She has been by his side for a truly lengthy time as he has endured many recent health problems, surgeries, etc. in Lubbock. We hope both will be back home soon!

NO BAKE OATMEAL COOKIES

(Nutritious, Chocolaty, & Yummy!)

- 2 cups sugar
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup peanut butter (optional)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 3 cups oatmeal

In a heavy saucepan bring to a boil, the sugar, cocoa, butter and milk. Let boil for **ONE** minute, then add peanut butter, vanilla and oatmeal. On a sheet of waxed paper, drop mixture by the teaspoonfuls, until cooled and hardened.



DON'T FORGET

to wear your pin to each meeting!

REMEMBER:

We have only a few more meetings this year until we adjourn for the summer. Also, have you made plans to go to DKG Convention? Don't miss this chance for a fulfilling experience!

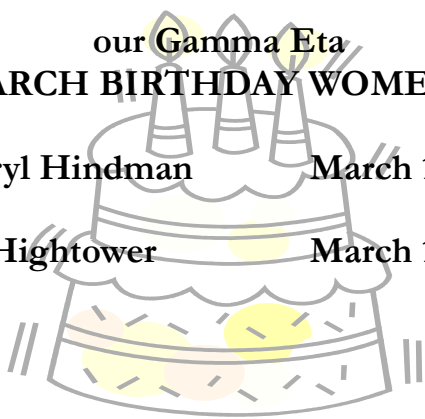
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



our Gamma Eta
MARCH BIRTHDAY WOMEN!

Cheryl Hindman March 18th.

Pat Hightower March 19th.



HAPPY SPRING BREAK!



FUTURE MEETING UPDATES

Monday, 3/7/11 @ 5:30 @ FUMC Matador

Gamma Eta's Birthday Bash

Greeter: Patsy Weems; Icebreaker: Merla Watson;

Program Facilitator: Vivian Morris

Hostess Group: Matador (Lindy Stafford, Chelsea Read, Willita Burke, Karen Rothwell)

Monday, 4/11/11 @ 5:30 @ FUMC Spur Jewels for You Jennifer Martin/Tonya Givens demonstrate how to make your own jewelry. There will be a charge for supplies.

Greeter: Vicki Sellers; Icebreaker: Tondi Jeter; Program Facilitator: Amy Jarrett

Monday, 5/2/11 @ 5:30 @ TBA, Founders Celebrated,

Greeter: Officers, Ice Breaker: Mani Foster, Program Facilitator: Vicki Sellers,

Hostess Group: Bring a salad to share.