



# Zeta Chapter Newsletter

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## From the President:

Dear Zeta Members,

Greetings. As stated in my last letter, I felt excited and humble assuming the responsibilities of this office. It is two months later and I now would like to add "somewhat overwhelmed" to that list. This has been such a learning experience for me. I want each of you to know just how much I appreciate your help, your encouragement, and your patience as I learn the roles of this position.

As we are deep into the season of thanksgiving, I have had ample opportunity to think about the things that I am thankful for. First of all, I am thankful for my parents (my mother is deceased now) who brought me up in a loving, supportive family where high morals, a love for Christ, and a strong work ethic were demonstrated. I am thankful for the opportunities for travel and higher education I was afforded because of their hard work. I am thankful for my husband, his family, my two children and my son-in-law. They truly give me purpose for living. And of course, I am thankful for the privilege of living in this country and for the rights we have as women educators.

But more importantly, I am thankful for the privilege to serve as Zeta Chapter president for this biennium. I already have gotten to know some of you on a much different level. I am just amazed at how unique and wonderful each one of you is. As a group you represent so many different backgrounds, talents, skills, travels, and accomplishments. I have been in several of your homes and you have been such gracious hostesses. I truly am thankful to each

am very happy to be associated with a group of professionals such as you.

Linda Ewing

## You Can't Make Up Stuff Like This!

Marsha Jaska presented a delightful program on humor in the classroom at our October meeting. All in attendance were thoroughly refreshed after laughing to the hilarious (real life) situations Marsha shared from her years of teaching. Marsha also shared a booklet with the members. The cover was adorned with a beautiful floral print and the quote "A child's laughter is like a gentle breeze dancing through a garden." Included in the booklet were *The High Fives of Humor*, *The Laughing Classroom Oath*, *Fifty Excuses for Not Laughing*, and the song *The Twelve Days of Classes* to be sung to the tune of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Thank you Marsha for a wonderful program.



Jewel Lockridge (left) introduced Marsha Jaska (right), who provided an interesting program at our October meeting.

## We Missed You!

Lilian Rathman and Dorothy Stallings missed the October meeting. They traveled with the Historic Waco Foundation to Washington, D.C. The two reported seeing some very beautiful and historical sites including the White House.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Sue Margaret Hughes** won the door prize at the October meeting. **Joy Pinto** has a new grandson. **Jewel Lockridge** leaves Paul Quinn Inc. to become a full-time professor at Baylor University.

## Correction to Last Month's Newsletter

Lilian Rathman was the recipient of the Alpha State Golden Rose award, not Alpha State Achievement Award as previously reported. Congratulations, Lilian! We are proud of you and your commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma.

## In Our Thoughts

It was reported in the last newsletter that **Lorraine Doshier** may be facing ankle surgery in the near future. In addition to the pain she is enduring with her ankle, her husband fell on a hike last week and is now suffering from broken ribs. On top of this, Lorraine is babysitting a 2-year-old granddaughter. We appreciate the excellent job Lorraine is doing as our chapter treasurer.

## Thank You!

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Barbara Rountree for allowing us to meet in her classroom last month. As always, Barbara was a very gracious hostess and we appreciate all she does for our chapter. We can always depend on Barbara.

Thank you to all who donated to the **Storybook Christmas** project. This is a very

worthy cause and your contributions do make a difference.

Lou Ayers, Lilian Rathman, and Dorothy Stallings each have made monetary contributions to the Alpha State headquarters building fund. Each of you is encouraged to make a donation to this worthy cause. Our chapter has been asked to pledge \$100 per year for five years to pay back the money borrowed from scholarships to build our new state headquarters. The building is located in Dallas.

## With Regret

It is with much sorrow that we accept Dorothy Pool's resignation. Dorothy was a loyal member of our chapter and she will be greatly missed. Dorothy underwent quadruple by-pass surgery last spring. She is still experiencing serious health problems.

## November--December Birthdays

11/02 Dorothy Stallings	12/07 Cindy Damon
11/10 Eddie Fosgard	12/20 Margaret Hool
11/10 Debbie North	12/20 Jewell Lockridge
11/22 Geneva Watley	12/27 Linda Ewing

## UPCOMING MEETINGS!

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly meeting at Hoover Branch Library off Wooded Acres (across from HEB) - Room will be open at 10:00. Meeting will begin at 10:30. We will initiate new member(s) and have auction to raise money for our local scholarship.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly meeting at Hamilton House, 1521 Austin Ave. at 10:30. We will have our birthday ceremony. A meal will be served. The cost is \$15.00. Please make check out to **Zeta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma** and mail to Lorraine Doshier, 5313 Lake Charles, Waco 76710.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly meeting at Hoover Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

When educators don't vote, it makes a difference. When educators do vote, it makes a difference. Fifteen of the 2006 ATPE (Association of Texas Professional Educators) *Freedom to Teach* award winners were re-elected to the Texas Legislature. These legislators have demonstrated outstanding public leadership in public education. Only one of the FTT recipients did not get re-elected. Rep. Carter Casteel (R-New Braunfels) lost in the primary elections last March. Included in the list of those elected are Rep. Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake), Rep. Jim Dunnam (D-Waco), Rep. Charlie Geren (R-Ft. Worth), Rep. Scott Hochberg (D-Houston), Rep. Mark Homer (D-Paris), Rep. Chuck Hopson (D-Jacksonville), Rep. Delwin Jones (R-Lubbock), Rep. Jim McReynolds (D-Lufkin), Rep. Tommy Merritt (R-Longview), Rep. Patrick Rose (D-Dripping Springs), Rep. Mark Strama (D-Austin), Rep. Hubert Vo (D-Houston). The following three were elected to the Senate. Sen. Kip Averitt (R-McGregor), Sen. Kevin Eltife (R-Tyler), and Sen. Eliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso).

All of the pro-public education incumbent legislative candidates receiving Texas PAC contributions and /or an endorsement won their general election races. The Texas PAC was formed in July of 2005. It is a statewide political action committee with the goal of electing legislators who will stand up for children and high quality education. The following non-incumbent candidates who were supported by Texas PAC were also largely successful. This list includes House District (HD) 47, Valinda Bolton (D-Austin), HD 48, Donna Howard (D-Austin), HD 54, Jimmie Don Aycock (R-Killeen), HD 71, Susan King (R-Abilene), HD 72, Drew Darby (R-San Angelo), HD 85, Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton), HD 94, Diane Patrick (R-Arlington), HD 101, Thomas Latham (R-Sunnyvale), D 107, Allen Vaught (D-Dallas), HD 118, Joe Farias (D-San Antonio), HD 134, Ellen Cohen (D-Houston). These results are evidence that your vote matters. Congratulations to all educators who

voted during the 2006 election cycle.  
(Information from the ATPE web-site)

## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

### CTAUN Conference Set For February 2

Members be aware of the ninth annual conference of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations to be held February 2 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The theme for the conference is "Responding to Children and Youth in Crisis: Education in Partnership with the UN."

For more information, see the CTAUN website [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org). A registration form and additional information will appear in the November/December issue of the *AKF News*.

### International Scholarships of \$6,000 Now Available

Any chapter members with a masters degree, currently enrolled in another graduate degree or certification program and has been a member of the Society for three years may be eligible for a \$6,000 international scholarship.

The International Scholarships Committee will be awarding up to 28 scholarships of \$6,000 each. Members are encouraged to apply.

Current applications are available on the website or by contacting Corlea Plowman at International Headquarters, 888.762.4685, ext. 115 or [corleap@deltakappagamma.org](mailto:corleap@deltakappagamma.org). The application must reach International Headquarters with a postmark no later than February 1, 2007.

### Important Dates

**Dec. 1** – Chapter Yearbooks to Designated State Personnel

**Dec. 5** – Golden Gift Fund Applications

**Jan. 1** – Nominations for state officers and elected committees are due.

## BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED AT DECEMBER MEETING

Zeta chapter will celebrate its birthday at the December meeting at Hamilton House. Our chapter was the sixth chapter organized. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International currently has close to 3,000 chapters in 77 state organizations in 14 countries. We have a great legacy and we have an obligation to pass that legacy on to future members.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded on May 11, 1929 at the Faculty Women's club at the University of Texas in Austin by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and eleven other women educators representing various levels of education. Dr. Blanton was a member of the faculty of the University of Texas and a former state superintendent of public instruction in Texas. With these twelve initiates Alpha Chapter was installed on June 3, 1929.

The twelve founding members were: Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Austin; Miss Mamie Sue Bastian, Houston; Miss Ruby Cole, San Antonio; Miss Mabel Grizzard, Waxahachie; Dr. Anna Hiss, Austin; Miss Ray King, Ft. Worth; Miss Sue King, Ft. Worth; Dr. Helen Koch, Austin; Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomas, Austin; Dr. Cora M. Martin, Austin; Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, Austin; Miss Lela Lee Williams, Dallas.

The founders believed that there was need for an organization in which women educators – rural and urban teachers; preschool, elementary, high school, college, and university teachers; librarians; school administrators; supervisors – might be united for efforts toward better professional preparation, recognition of women's work in the teaching profession, and scholarships for those needing aid in improving their professional preparation. (Guidelines for Chapter Presidents, Orientation Guide)

*Merry Christmas*

## ZETA CHAPTER MEETINGS 2006-2007

**Sept. 9, 2006**—Area VIII Workshop  
Temple 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, Temple, TX

**Oct. 19, 2006**—Barbara Rountree's classroom  
Waco High School, 4:30 P.M.

**\*\*\* Note time change from 10:00 to 10:30 for Hoover Library. Meeting room will be open at 10:00.**

**Nov. 18, 2006**—Hoover Branch Library (across from HEB, Wooded Acres) 10:00 A.M.

**Dec. 16, 2006**—Hamilton House, Austin Ave.  
10:00 A.M. (meal will be served)

**Jan. 20, 2007**—Hoover Branch Library  
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

**Feb. 17, 2007**—Hoover Branch Library  
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

**March 17, 2007**—Greater Zion Church,  
2626 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St., Waco, 10:00 A.M.  
(meal will be served)

**April 21, 2007**—Hoover Branch Library  
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

**May, 2007**—Tri-Chapter Meeting—(TBA)  
(meal will be served)

**Sept. 15, 2007**—Hoover Branch Library  
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

**Oct. 20, 2007**—Hoover Branch Library  
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

## THE SEARCH IS STILL ON FOR AUTHORS

Our state president, Catherine Davis, is compiling a list of all state Delta Kappa Gamma members who have written and published a book(s). She needs the name of the member and the name of the book. If you are published or if you know of any Zeta member

who has been published, please let me know so that I can get the information to Catherine.

Linda Ewing was told in a conversation last summer that Vicky Gilliam, former Zeta president, wrote a book on caring for the elderly. If you have any information about Vicky's book please let her know.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON CHAPTER MEMBER**

### **Dorothy Margaret Stallings**

Dorothy, the only child of Robert Doyle and Willie Westmoreland Stallings, was born on November 2, 1925. The daughter of a school teacher and Delta Kappa Gamma member, Dorothy has been exposed to and influenced by Zeta Chapter members throughout her life. Before starting to school Dorothy knew two things that she wanted out of life. She wanted to attend Baylor University and she wanted to teach school.

Since Dorothy did not turn six until November, she did not plan to start to school until the following September. However, on February 1<sup>st</sup> the superintendent approached Dorothy's mother about letting Dorothy start first grade. Worried that such a decision might jeopardize her mother's teaching position at the school, Dorothy's father sought out each member of the Board of Trustees to get their approval before allowing Dorothy to start school. Thus, Dorothy began first grade on Ground Hog's Day. Her first grade teacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and county supervisor were all outstanding members of Zeta Chapter, two of them charter members.

In addition to being an excellent student, Dorothy took tap dancing lessons, piano lessons, clarinet lessons and in the seventh grade became a member of the high school band. Dorothy remained a member of the band during her high school years at West H.S. She also took two years of homemaking and for several years made all of her clothes. She also served as the manager of the girls' basketball team and participated in UIL debate and one-act play competition. Her dream of attending Baylor University became a reality when she was named class valedictorian in 1942.

Dorothy enrolled at Baylor for the 1942-43 school year and by the next year Baylor was transformed by WWII. Many of the young men left school to serve in the armed forces and many of the young ladies left school to get married or to join the

war effort. But Dorothy continued to pursue her goal of becoming a teacher. She just wasn't sure what she wanted to teach. She started out in Business and later changed to history. She graduated at the end of the winter quarter and intended to begin work on her Master's degree. Instead, she was hired by West High School to teach Business courses. The following summer, Dorothy applied for a teaching position with the Waco Public Schools. She was hired and for the 1946-47 school year taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Sanger Avenue Elementary School. Her principal, her co-worker and many other teachers in the school were Zeta members.

The next fall Dorothy was transferred to Bell's Hill Elementary School where the principal was a charter Zeta member. While at Bell's Hill, Dorothy taught fifth grade, second grade and then third grade. Then in 1954 Dorothy went to the newly opened school, Cedar Ridge Elementary, and stayed there until she retired in 1986. There she taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and a split section of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

After the completion of five years of teaching, Dorothy was invited to become a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was initiated in November of 1951 and then in 1968 became Zeta Chapter president. From 1987-1989 she served as the Alpha State president. Dorothy has been a part of Zeta Chapter practically all of her life. She has served on numerous chapter and state committees. She continues to be active in church and several organizations including Delta Kappa Gamma.

### *We Need Your News!*

Our newsletter is one of the ways in which we get to know each other and a way to keep in touch with one another. Please let us know your news so that it can be reported in our bi-monthly newsletter. Send your news to Linda Ewing at [linda\\_ewing@moodyisd.org](mailto:linda_ewing@moodyisd.org) or 106 Rebecca Rd., Moody 76557.

Send information for the web site to Gail Herring at [GailHerring230@msn.com](mailto:GailHerring230@msn.com) or 10755 E. Hwy 84, Axtell 76624.

Send information for the yearbook to Joy Pinto at [albert.pinto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:albert.pinto@sbcglobal.net) or 3520 W. Brookview, Waco 76710.

## ZETA NOMINATES TWO FOR STATE POSITIONS

Our chapter unanimously voted to nominate Lou Ayers for the state Nominations Committee. The chapter also voted to nominate Gail Herring for a state office. These nominations will be made before the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Each of these ladies has been very active as chapter members. They each have served on state committees in the past and have attended numerous state and interregional and international conferences. It has been a while since we have had a state officer from Zeta chapter. Zeta member, Dorothy Stallings, served as Alpha State president from 1987 until 1989.



Lou Ayers



Gail Herring

### CHAPTER OFFICERS:

**President**-Linda Ewing  
**First Vice President**-Jewel Lockridge  
**Second Vice President**-Marsha Jaska  
**Recording Secretary**-Laura Speegle  
**Corresponding Secretary**-Margaret Hool  
**Treasurer**-Lorraine Doshier  
**Parliamentarian**-Lynette Hollingsworth

### Be Aware of Those Amendments That Relate Mainly to Chapter Work

The international Constitution Committee met in Austin recently to verify the amendments to the *Constitution/International Standing Rules* passed at the 2006 International Convention. An updated version of these documents will be printed and ready for sale

early in 2007. In the meantime, we want to make you aware of the constitutional changes that most impact work at the chapter level.

### Article III, Membership, Section B. Classification

1. Active members shall be women who are employed in educational work at the time of their election and have had three or more years of experience as professional educators **or have been retired from an educational position no more than two years.** They shall participate in the activities of the Society.

### Article IV Finances, Section C. Honorary Fee

A lifetime fee of **U.S. \$50** for international publications shall be paid for each honorary member at the time of initiation. This fee shall be paid by the initiation unit of the Society.

### Awards

**2.5 Scholarships.** (Two additional international scholarships have been added: The Dr. Evelyn L. Milan Scholarship I and the Dr. Evelyn L. Milan Scholarship II.)

**2.51c.** Each international scholarship award shall be U.S. \$6,000. (Formerly \$5,000)

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