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From the President:

We are coming to the time of year when we have several holidays to celebrate, and the one that gets forgotten so quickly is Thanksgiving because we hurry through it in order to start planning for Christmas in detail. If we truly stop and think about all that we have to be thankful for we would realize how blessed we are in our lives every single day.

Recently I was complaining about my ankle. The pain was intense as it often is, but I was able to walk. I turned to one of our members and said I should be more thankful to have feet and the ability to walk and meant it. As I thought about this I realized how many other things I take for granted as well. Probably pages would be covered with those items and reasons if I wrote them down.

Since we began our new Delta Kappa Gamma biennium, I have discovered many other reasons to be grateful. I have made many special friends who share the same goals and purposes in education despite the differences in our careers. Ladies from all size communities and cities have been encouraging, thoughtful, helpful, and friendly. No snubs or backs turned when help was needed for any situation.

In our Zeta Chapter, I was particularly blessed as you women have given your all. When you agreed to serve as an officer or chair a committee or serve on one or several committees, you came armed, ready to do the task. I was truly overwhelmed with your response, and I continue to be. Thank you for a fantastic beginning!

Lorraine Doshier, Zeta President

Local Projects Report

Corrie Logan, Local Projects Chairman, reports that a total of forty-four books were collected at the October meeting for the Friends of the Library project. This will be an ongoing project, so Corrie says, "We need more books". Collection boxes will be available at each meeting this year or call Corrie to pick up books if you are unable to bring them to a meeting. You may also pick up a form for tax credit for your donations.

An additional project is the collection of magazines for Friends for Life. Gather up your excess magazines and bring them along with your books.

Upcoming Meetings

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November 15, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Stilwell Retirement Residence

Holiday Auction—remember to bring anything "holiday". Auctioneer Mike Alton will conduct the bidding for holiday decorations, edible goodies, and handmade items.

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December 13, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

Hamilton House

Zeta's 79th Birthday Luncheon will include our birthday celebration and hand bell holiday music. Make reservations by sending a check for \$12.00 to Eula McKown, 2662 Plainview Rd., McGregor, TX 76657 by Dec. 5th.

January 17, 2009

R. B. Hoover Library, 10:00 a.m.

Zeta Mourns the Death of Dr. Annita Maxwell

Zeta members were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Annita Maxwell on October 24, 2008. Annita was initiated into Zeta Chapter in 1979 and had served as a member and chairman of a number of committees as well as serving as Recording Secretary, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President.

Annita and her husband, Paul, have one son, Michael and his wife, Carla, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Annita taught business at LaVega High School, served as a counselor at Midway High School, was and instructor at McLennan Community College, and worked at Region XII Service Center. For the past eleven years, Dr. Maxwell worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice.

Get Well Soon

In a fluke accident at her home, Betsy Curry fell and dislocated her shoulder and is now recuperating in the nursing section of Ridgecrest Retirement and Health Care Center. Her address there is: 117 Nursing Part, Ridgecrest, Waco, TX 76712. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations

Sarah Lee, kindergarten teacher at Provident Heights elementary, has announced her engagement to Arnold Blair. The couple plans to marry at 2:00 p.m. on December 31st, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in McGregor.

Rachel Stanfield's Gingersnap Cookie Dip

At our last meeting Rachel brought a dip for gingersnap cookies that everyone loved. We have printed it here so that everyone has a copy and can make them for their own special occasions.

Gingersnap Cookie Dip

Makes 5 cups

In a large bowl mix the following until smooth:

4 c. sifted powdered sugar
2 - 8 oz. packages of cream cheese,
softened

Beat in: 2 - 15 oz. cans pure pumpkin
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger

Store the mixture in an airtight container in the refrigerator for at least 12 hrs. before serving with:

gingersnap cookies

The recipe can be halved easily.
Dip and enjoy! So good.

In All Things, Give Thanks.

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