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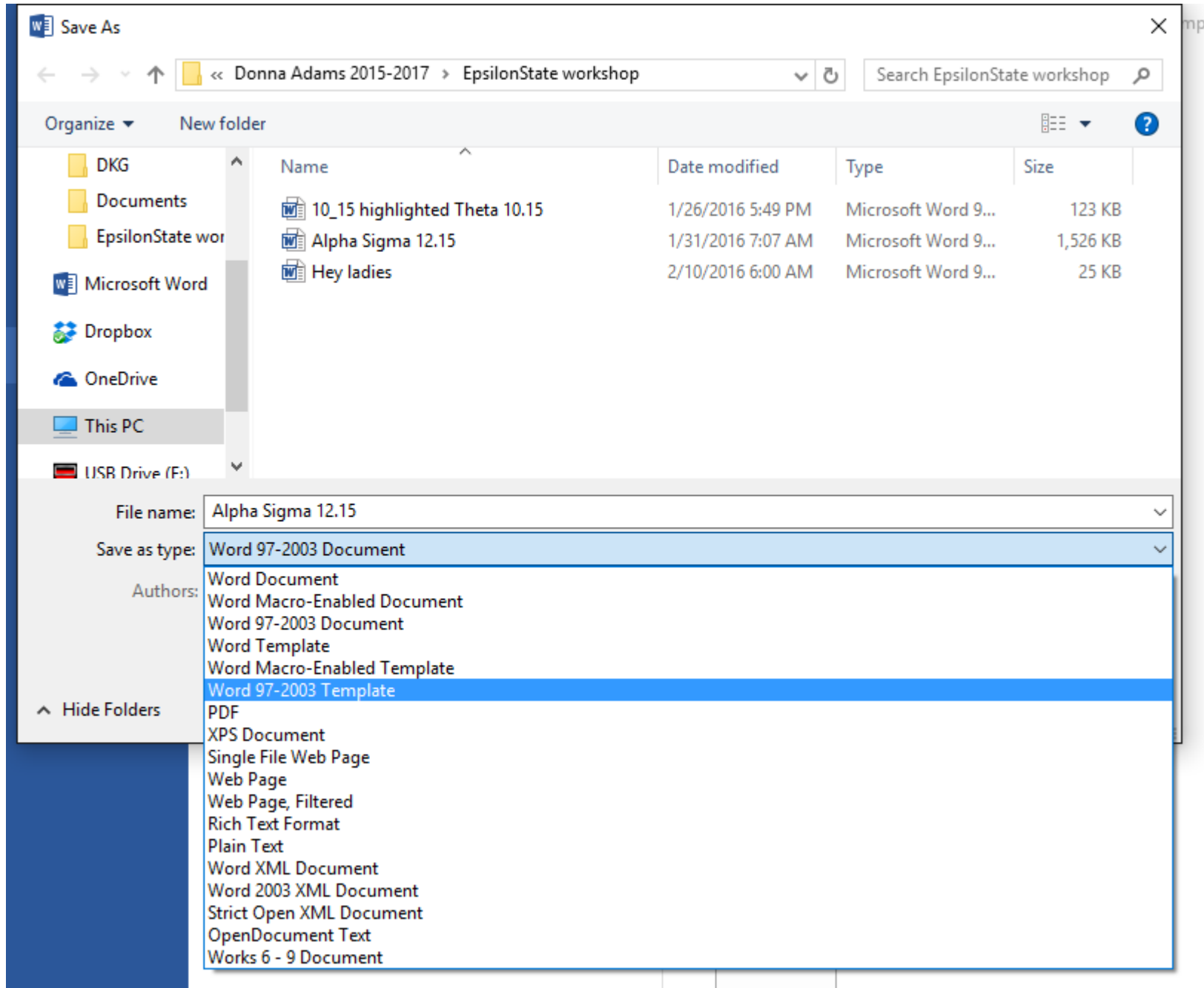
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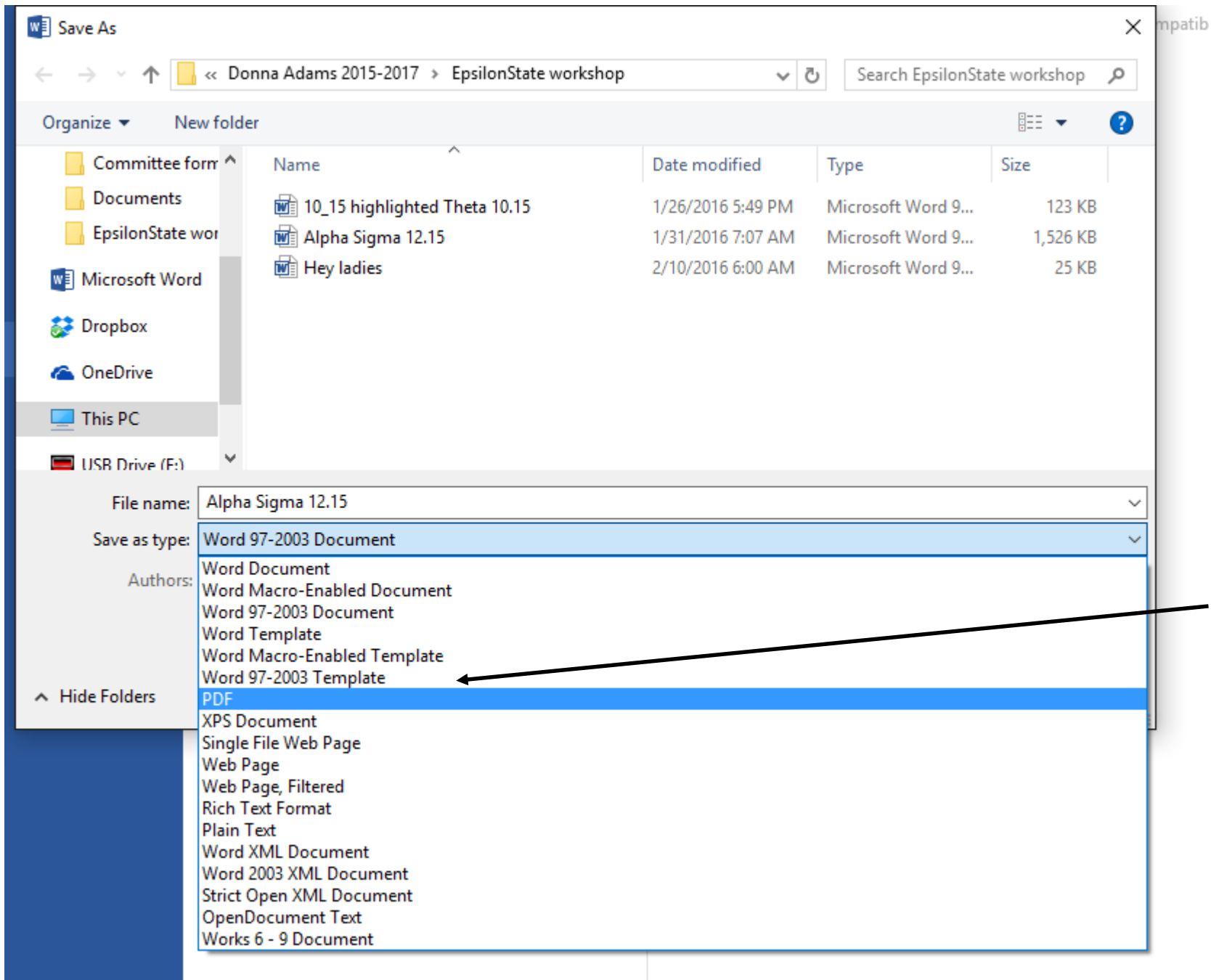
Janie Humphries began the presentation with a True or False quiz related to items that are required or optional on the Chapter Newsletters.

I wanted to include the online tool that she used

[Poll Everywhere](#)



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Chapter Websites – information to build your site is on [http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Society Business/Communication Publicity/Communications and Publicity.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Society_Business/Communication_Publicity/Communications_and_Publicity.aspx) I have a link to this on Epsilon State - Chapter Websites. Check out form 72 on International Website Forms. According to International a chapter website cannot be linked by a state website unless it is linked by International.

According to Dianne Anderson, a member of the Int'l Communications Committee, websites will be evaluated differently, in the next biennium. What does this mean? I'll let you know when I find out.

For those of you who have Chapter websites certified by International, this year is the year for recertification – October 1, 2016 - Form 72

A huge *Thank You!* goes out to those chapters whose newsletters we showed pieces of today:

- Mary Anne Russell, *Chapter President*, Psi, **C**; Sheryl Wilson, *Newsletter Editor*
- Dr. Lori Myers, *Chapter President*, Theta, **NE**; Dr. Nancy Tolman, *Newsletter Editor*
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Psi Chapter Chatter

The Mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Psi Chapter is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Mission Statement: Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Let's remember to pray for the world

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Alpha Sigma News
Epsilon State- Northwest



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President: Jennifer Pace Editor: Dolores Hackler (doloreshackler9@gmail.com)

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Alpha Kappa Comments



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- Legislative updates
- International news

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**Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International
Epsilon State, Southeast District**

**Omicron Chapter Meeting
November 10, 2015—6:00 P.M.**

**Murphy's Seafood Restaurant
Hammond, Louisiana**

**Hostess Group: North Tangi Group-
Topic: Celebrating the Past, Advancing
the Future**

Title: *Celebrate Friends and Family*



Agenda

Initiation.....Initiation Committee
Music.....Jewel Hudspeth, Music Chairman
Half-Notes
Call to Order/Welcom.....Gwen Traylor, President
Pledge of Allegiance.....Melody Tynes
Delta Kappa Gamma Pledge.....Kimberly Caruso
Blessing.....Kim Chadwick
Meal Enjoy!!
Minutes.....Felicia Robinson, Recording Secretary
Treasurer's Report.....Diane Hughes, Treasurer
Correspondence.....Anita Morse, Corresponding Secretary
Committee Reports
Personal Growth & Services.....Nancy Carruth
Personal Growth & Services Chairman
Legislative Report.....Sharon Hornsby,
Professional Affairs Chairman
Scholarship.....Ann Trappey
New Business
Program.....Jo Ellen Carruth, 1st Vice-President
Announcements.....Gwen Traylor
Door Prizes.....North Tangi Group
Words of Appreciation.....Joyce Chambers
Adjournment.....Gwen Traylor
The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.....Jewel Hudspeth

Omicron

DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Join your sisters and even bring a guest to our December meeting at 6:00 P.M. at 601 Milbank Circle in Twelve Oaks Subdivision. We will Celebrate Our Past by sharing Christmas traditions, ornaments, and/or recipes. We will Advance Our Future as we continue our Community Outreach projects and SEE. Our hostesses are Anne Anderson, Tammy Baudoin, Pam Bloomer, Mary Canfield, Bennett Herndon, Jan Hood, Lynn Jones, and Joy Reger. If you have not contacted your chairman Leisa Hurst at 318.470.6926, please do so to let her know what you will be bringing.
See you there!

Alpha Sigma

**DECEMBER
MEETING**

**Saturday
Dec.5, 2015
10:00 AM**



**Lucinda
Stark's
Home, 18581 Hwy, 90
Lacassine, LA**

**Focus: To endow scholarships
and fellowships to women
educators. (Purpose 5)
To unite women in a genuine
spiritual fellowship. (Purpose 1)**

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- **International news**

Honors, Awards, Noteworthy Achievements of Members

SISTER NEWS

Congratulations to **Jana Panos**, Byrd High School, who was selected runner-up Teacher of the Year for LATM (Louisiana Association of Math Teachers).

Diana Gwinn had surgery in November and will be home recuperating several weeks. She is already working on "things" to keep her busy while "off" from her regular job.

Alpha Sigma

Psi Sister News!!!

October is passing quickly. We are finally enjoying cooler temperatures. The forests are beginning to show yellows, oranges, and reds. Fairs, festivals, and favorite fall activities are filling our time. Our Psi Sisters have been busy participating in these activities. Several of our ladies helped with Education Day at the Zwolle Tamale Fiesta. Three of us traveled to Winnfield for Central District Meeting. We were inspired, challenged, and uplifted as we celebrated being a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Please let me know what you have been doing.

sjtwilson@yahoo.com



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OMICRON HELPING HANDS IN OUR COMMUNITY by Gwen Traylor

At the last meeting we discovered that we have many members volunteering in the community. We work in schools, libraries, hospitals, at Options, food pantries, and crisis closets to name a few. I thought we could call our Fleur de Lis Award Project "Omicron Helping Hands in our Community." Your cooperation is vital in order to make this successful. I've already asked you to log in hours that you serve. Mrs. Chambers has graciously volunteered to sit at the check-in table at our meetings to keep track of your hours. I also need pictures of you as you serve. Take them on your phone and email them to me along with agency and activity.



Mrs. Chambers

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Jackie Brown is Southwest District Director.

As Chapter President, Sue Chapman, serves on State DKG Executive Board.



L.A. Woman's Library Club President Lisa Oustalet announced the 2015-2016 Yearbook was dedicated to Judy and Virgie Dronet.



Netta Shuey accepts leadership roles with A Block Off Broadway at the Strand Theatre.



Photos by Dr. Virgie Dronet

Alpha Kappa

Summary/Minutes of last meeting

The September Chapter Meeting

What a great kick off to the new year on Thursday, September 10!! There were 18 members who were able to attend our first chapter meeting of 2015-16. The meeting provided the perfect opportunity for an icebreaker/team builder activity for members to get acquainted with one another. It was exciting to learn "tidbits" of information about our members!

Old business provided an update of the August chapter events (Meet and Greet Reception and the Garage Sale). New business included an overview of the 2015-16 programs, projects, and activities planned for Theta Chapter. Members were reminded of the October 15 dues deadline and the September 25 registration deadline for the District Meeting. 1st Vice President **Emily Arnold** shared design ideas for a chapter shirt that could be purchased by chapter members.

The Hostesses (**Kay Bradford, Susan Griffith, Norlyn Hyde, Mariam Stone, and Jamie McCullin**) provided some DELICIOUS refreshments!

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Ralph's on the Park

Ruth called the meeting to order at 11:30. Cathy Johnson read the collect and led the pledge.

Ruth talked about Alpha Delta falling short of winning the attendance award at the South District meeting.

State President Judy Rongey addressed the group. She's been working on the Deltion and asked for submission of articles. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Basket theme is Celebrations Around the World. Contributions will be collected at the February meeting. State convention will be in Bossier City in March. Day at the Races is also March 19.

Nann requested that everyone attend South District so that Ruth will run for president again. John Folse had a new cookbook and he requested pictures related to the area to send it to him. Ruth submitted a picture of her dad and his garden along with another picture of uncles. She found the book at Barnes and Noble and found the pictures!

Another announcement is that our new member Brooke Lillie was named teacher of the year at Arabi Elementary. Congratulations!!!

Ruth introduced the guests joining us for this Christmas celebration. Thank you to Vicki Ferguson for the lovely table arrangements.

Alpha Delta

DECEMBER MEETING

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"New Member Initiation"
Membership Committee: *Jackie Brown, Lucinda Stark, and Jeanette Gaudet.

Hostesses: *Lucinda Stark, Lulu Singletary, LaDonna Singletary, Ernestine Freeman, and Ramona Hardee.

☆☆☆ October Minutes ☆☆☆

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Hathaway High School Library on Monday, October 12, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. President Sue Chapman called the meeting to order with 16 members present.

Glenetta Shuey presented the meditation from Leo Buscaglia from one of his books on teaching. Regilyn Carter led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Jackie Brown with the Collect. Frances Byler led us in the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Frances Byler gave the treasurer's report: checking account balance, \$891.08; savings account, \$942.63; Maud Anderson CD, \$1730.45. Cynthia Ardoin, Corresponding Secretary, read excused absents from Jeanette Gaudet, Syd Hanks, and Betty Wade.

Committee Reports:
Research Committee: Cynthia Ardoin gave a book review on *It's Complicated-The Social Lives of Network Teens* by Danah Boyd. This was the book chosen by the International Committee. Ms. Boyd writes about uncovering major myths of the social media concerning teenagers. Parents hinder teenagers' ability to socialize on their own media. Much discussion followed by the members.

Membership Committee: Jackie Brown announced that our Rosebud nominee for Southwest District Meeting was Ramona Hardee and Rose in Bloom was Liz Bollich. Jackie showed members the new "Prospect Cards" used to nominate prospect members. Pin and Birthday money was collected. Happy birthday was sung to members having an October birthday.

Communication Committee: Kathy Mack thanked Liz for publishing the poem from the September meeting. She thanked Jackie Brown for a wonderful job as District Director at our Southwest District Meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Virgie Dronet has received information as of 10 a.m. today from Dr. White's secretary from McNeese, concerning graduating seniors. We only have one student teacher in Jeff Davis Parish for the fall. Upon further discussion we recommended that we wait until the spring when more students are doing student teaching. This will give the committee more students to select from for the scholarship.

Literacy Project: Frances Byler recommended that members go into Pre-K and kindergarten classrooms to read to children. It was also suggested that we contact principals in schools with Pre-K through 4th grade to interact with students needing remedial work. Jackie mentioned that Epsilon State does give out Literacy Grants.

Program Committee: Ann Arceneaux reported there were 14 new teachers in Jeff Davis Parish. Carrie Klein from Jennings High was selected to receive our \$50 gift certificate. The Fleur-de-lis Project is due February 1. Ann suggested that CADA be used again. They are in need of playground equipment. The committee can look into doing the Literacy Project, apply for a grant and turn it in for this project.

World Fellowship: Regilyn Carter asked members to pay a nickel for every Halloween decoration put on display in homes.

New Business: President Chapman sent an email out to members notifying them of the financial status of Epsilon State. She asked members to vote on the possibility of increasing dues or alternating state convention and district meetings every other year. More information to follow from the State Finance Committee.

President Chapman thanked Frances Byler for doing the chapter booklets. Frances asked for corrections.

In looking at prospective members, Judy Meaux was a member in Texas and hasn't moved it to Louisiana. Virgie volunteered to look into her membership.

There was no other business. Hostesses for the meeting were Candace Hebert, Glenetta Shuey, Barbara Litteral, and Holly Broussard.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mack (substituting for Nancy Albritton)



President Sue Chapman presided over the meeting.



Netta Shuey shared a beautiful meditation.



Cynthia Ardoin reviewed the 2015 Educator's Award Book.

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Chapter President's message

Lori's Logic

(Leading Opportunities to Grow and Inspire the Chapter)

What a wonderful start to the new year that we had in September!! During the meeting, chapter members were challenged to CELEBRATE members and the chapter through membership recruitment and retention and chapter projects and activities! It was also the first "official" meeting for the members we initiated in April.

Our October meeting promises to enhance our "Celebrating the Past" as we will learn about resources available for family history and genealogy. Who knows what fascinating information you might uncover about your ancestors??!! We will also be making final plans for our district meeting on October 10 and sharing more information about our service project and state theme basket. If you ordered a DKG shirt at the last meeting, those should be ready for pick up at the meeting. Please contact Emily Arnold (emily.marie.arnold@gmail.com; 614-3119) for more details.

Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is truly a privilege! Don't forget dues must be paid by October 15! Make the most of your membership by:

- Being an outstanding example and role model to other members;
- Enhancing your own growth and encourage others to join you;
- Attending meetings, taking an active role, and considering a leadership position;
- Offering individual attention to current and new or potential members;
- Encouraging others; and
- Gaining new ideas from others, renewing your personal and professional passion, and helping new professionals!

Start thinking about how we can recruit and/or

reinstate members! Our membership recruitment campaign will begin in October so bring the names (and email addresses) of individuals you would like to nominate. Together, we can ADVANCE the future of DKG and move our chapter from good to great!

See you soon!
Lori Myers
Theta Chapter President

Dues Are Due

Dues of \$75.00 must be paid by October 15. If you have not paid, please pay at the October meeting or send check to

Kay Bradford
205 East Arizona
Ruston, LA 71270

Book Drive – Buggies of Books for Babies

State President Judy Rongey has challenged Epsilon State members to participate in this year's state project, "Buggies of Books for Babies!" Members are asked to donate new board books for young children through the Early Steps program. Board books are durable books printed on thick cardboard, which are most suitable for small children.

Early Steps is a program provided throughout Louisiana for families with children from birth to three years old with medical conditions or developmental delays. The goal of Early Steps is to improve the children's development including enhancing literacy. Epsilon State's district directors will present the books to the ten regions of Early Steps. The providers of Early Steps services will distribute the books to the families of these young learners.

Bring the board books to your district meeting this fall. If you are not able to attend the district meeting, please send your book with a member who will be attending.

Theta Chapter members are invited to bring new board books to the October chapter meeting. The goal is to have 100 books donated per district. The SW district has

President's Letter



Dear Sisters,
"Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!" Christmas will soon be here and it is time to begin preparing for the holidays.

Our December meeting is always a special time for us to meet and enjoy the Christmas season. Our meeting will be filled with Christmas songs, delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and the auction of treats. Please plan to join us on Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 A.M. in Lacassine at Lucinda Stark's beautiful home.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Sue Chapman

Happy  Birthday!

- Jeanette Gaudet - Dec 3
- Judy Dronet - Dec 9
- Joyce Broyles - Dec 10
- Glenetta Shuey - Dec 22
- Ollie Tietje - Dec 27
- Linda McCluer - Dec 28
- Cindy Poise - Dec 30
- Betty Wade - Dec 30

Message from Mary Anne

The Central District Meeting in Winnfield was great! Sheryl, Yvonne and I attended. We were challenged throughout the day to CELEBRATE; to be "better than good!"; to recruit and retain membership; to uplift each other; and I could go on and on. Psi Chapter presented 40 board books to the "Buggies of Books for Babies"-- The goal for the state was 600 – the total currently is approximately 1100.

State President, Judy Rongey's theme for the year is "Celebrating our Past, Advancing the Future." Our programs this year will follow that pattern also – October's meeting will include technology and math.

Please remember to bring your prospect membership card filled out to our next meeting.

I would like for each of you to fill out the Biographical Data Sheet that is included in this email. Complete it and email it back or bring to the meeting. My goal is 100 percent participation!!!!

See you on October 27!

Mary Anne Russell

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Important dates and deadlines

Important Dates

Oct. 27th 4:30 PM @ COA
Hostesses: F/N/Many 3

Jan 12th 4:30 PM @ COA
Hostesses: Zwolle

Feb. 9th 4:30 PM @ COA
Hostesses: Converse/PHIII

Mar 8th 4:30 PM @ COA
Hostesses: Officers

April Founder's Day Banquet TBA
Hostesses: Many 2

March 11-13-Epsilon State
Bossier City

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Upcoming Events

October 10, 2015: Northeast District Meeting, Poverty Point State Park, Delhi, LA

November 12, 2015: Theta Chapter Meeting

December 7, 2015: Theta Chapter Christmas Party (Please note special date - MONDAY)

March 11 - 13, 2016: State Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Bossier City, LA

July 5-9, 2016: International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN

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MARK YOU CALENDAR

Jan TBA - Officers & Chairmen Meeting
Celebrating Our Past –

State and International Forms!

Feb. 16 - 4:30 Cheryl McGowen's home
Celebrating Our Past – Charter
Members

Celebrating Community Projects –
Easter Baskets

Mar. 3 - 4:00 University Elementary Library
Celebrating - Upcoming State
Convention

Mar. 11-13 – Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood
Suites Bossier City

Epsilon State Convention

Apr. 12 - Sci Port
Advancing Our Future –
4:30 - New Member Orientation
5:00 – Robotics Programs for our
Youth

April 30 – 10:30 Ralph & Kacoos, Bossier City
Coordinating Council Founders' Day,
Initiation, Installation of Chapter
Officers

Alpha Sigma

Articles about Chapter Projects

CHAPTER PROJECT UPDATE

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD:

The theme of the First Timers' Basket for the state convention is Celebrations Around the World. Our focus is **Italy**. Please bring basket items to the February meeting. Remember, people will be traveling home with these baskets, so think small.

DAY AT THE RACES:

Make your plans and start inviting friends and family to Alpha Delta's Day at the Races, March 19. This is not only fun but our fundraiser, so invite, invite, invite!

Suggested Basket Items

Italian cookbook
novel set in Italy
Italian cookies
pasta
Italian music CD
Italian wine
Italian cooking tools
Italian candies
movie set in Italy
Italian bowl or dish

Italian note cards
olive oil
antipasto
Italian coffee

Lots of small Italian imported items can be found at Nor Joe's, 505 Frisco Avenue, just off Metairie Road by the railroad tracks.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the following Theta Chapter members who helped with or attended the "Back to School Meet and Greet" event on August 24: **Gene Cosentino, Beth Rinehart, Laurie Kafka, Lori Myers, Mara Johnson, Janie Humphries, Deborah Lynch, Kay Bradford, Amy Willis, Kay Lynn Tettleton, Susan Griffin, and Marcie Nelson**

Appreciation goes to the following Theta Chapter members who provided "stuff", helped set up or worked the Theta Booth at the Community Garage Sale on August 29: **Gene Cosentino, Lori Myers, Kay Bradford, Stacy Potter, Janie Humphries, Jeanne Lynch, Anita Pumphrey, and Emily Arnold.**

Check out the pictures included with this issue of the newsletter

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"SEE" PROJECT

Marla has prepared the baskets. Two recipients were chosen at the November meeting and will be invited to our December meeting to receive the baskets full of goodies that will hopefully make their first year a little better.

Alpha Sigma

Project Report

Nancy Carruth, Chairman

Our yearly Know-Your-Sister Auction was held at our September 8 meeting. There was many wonderful things to bid on and we found out some interesting information about our sisters. We raised \$506 from the auction. The money raised goes to defray costs for first time attendees who attend the Epsilon State Convention.

The "Rocking For Literacy and Numeracy" activity was held on October 3, 2015, at Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Hammond, starting at 9:00 A.M. Four Omicron members participated, including Jo Ellen Carruth, Rose Beyl, Diane Hughes, Jane Terrase, and her daughter Ellen, and \$130 was collected. Juanita Lambert also sent some board books for the project. The donations collected were used to buy forty-five board books for young children through Early Steps, the Epsilon State Project, "Buggies of Books for Babes!" Since this is a state project, a percentage of the money collected will be sent to state. The books that we bought will be presented at the Southeast District meeting before being distributed. Thanks to all of you for your donations and time.

Our international project is "Schools For Africa." Buckets will be on the tables at each meeting for you to donate your change. We collected \$40.31 at the September meeting.

The Project Committee is working on a project to recognize our Early Career Educators this year. We will send letters containing useful information and contacts and a bookmark to each of the new teachers at the public schools in Tangipahoa Parish by Bluebird delivery. This is the same as what we did last year. We have about one hundred new teachers. Our Epsilon State leaders ask that we do something to recognize them throughout the year, not just one time, so if you know a new teacher, please consider doing a little something special for him/her.

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Southeast District Meeting
by Gwen Traylor



On Saturday, October 31, 2015, six Omicron members braved the threat of storms to attend the Southeast District Meeting held at the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge.

Those attending the Southeast District Meeting were Diane Hughes, Gloria Vinyard, Gwen Traylor, (back) Linda Vaccaro, Felicia Robinson, JoEllen Carruth, and new friend, Dee Dee Rives.

Rouge. Those attending were Jo Ellen Carruth, Felicia Robinson, Diane Hughes, Gloria Vinyard, Gwen Traylor, and Linda Vaccaro. A Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar (2006) friend of Gwen Traylor's called

Gwen while attending a horse show in Gonzales with another friend. Gwen invited her also to join the meeting. Dee Dee Rives served as Tennessee State President from 2009-2011. Omicron sisters enjoyed having her with their group. She fit in really well. The theme of the meeting was "Celebrating Our Louisiana Heritage." There was a total of seventy-one members present at the meeting.



Omicron President Judy Rongev presenting flag

As part of the opening ceremonies the president of each chapter carried her chapter flag and a board book to the front of the meeting hall. Epsilon President Judy Rongev reported that over 1100 Board Books for Babies had been collected throughout the state. Omicron Chapter had over 10% of its members present, a fact which counted as a point for the Key Chapter.

State Officers gave their reports, using the Celebration Theme. Gwen Traylor, Recording Secretary, used the theme, "Celebrating the Team Spirit," to give her report. Epsilon State Committee Reports followed. Linda Vaccaro used the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland to report on Communications. She reminded everyone to get news for newsletters in on time and also meet other deadlines. Felicia Robinson used "A Road Trip" to give her report from Professional Affairs. She also handed out brochures that explained why becoming a Delta Kappa Gamma member is such a good decision. She suggested that

See "Southeast District Meeting," (continued, p. 7).

"Southeast District Meeting," (continued from p. 4).

each active teacher give a brochure to another teacher at her school to help increase membership. It was also reported that the theme for the Epsilon theme basket will be "Celebration Around the World." Limitations were also placed on the size of the basket this year. Chapters need to report the theme for their basket by January 15. The Epsilon State Convention will be March 11-13, 2016, in Bossier City.

The guest speaker was the Director of LSU Rural Life Museum, David Floyd, who gave a history of how the museum was developed. Walking tours of the grounds followed. It was very interesting and the guides were very knowledgeable. The television shows The Underground and Roots have been filming there for some time.

After a delicious lunch, awards were presented and door prizes were awarded. Golden Rose Awards were presented to Felicia Robinson and Jan Hammons. Jo Ellen and Gwen invited everyone to



Felicia Robinson receives the Golden Rose Award for being fifty-five years of age and still working

the 2016 Southeast District Meeting, which will be held in Ponchatoula. Everyone but Felicia took home a door prize, including our new friend Dee Dee.

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Book Drive – Buggies of Books for Babies

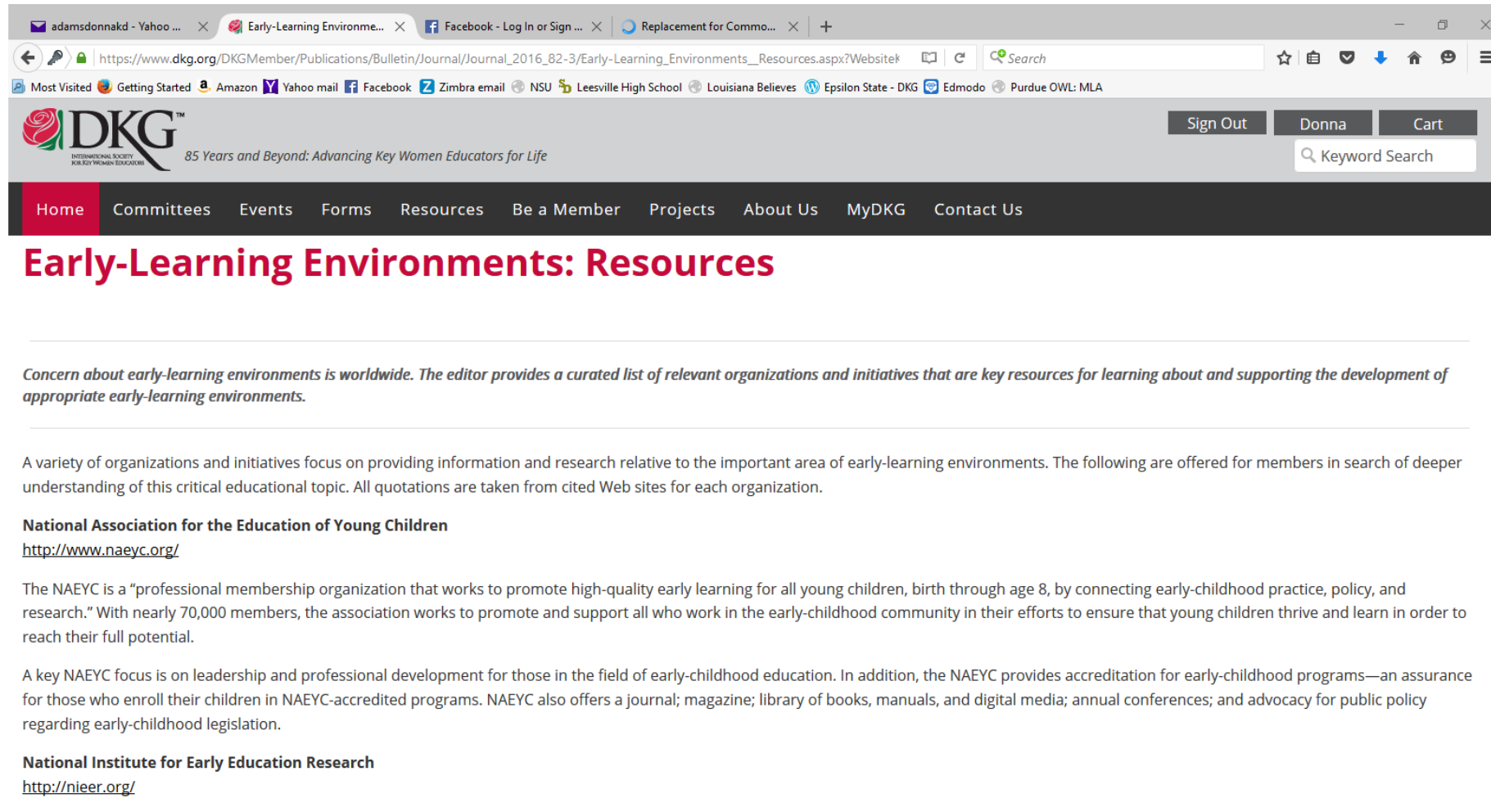
State President Judy Rongev has challenged Epsilon State members to participate in this year's state project, "Buggies of Books for Babies!" Members are asked to donate new board books for young children through the Early Steps program. Board books are durable books printed on thick cardboard, which are most suitable for small children.

Early Steps is a program provided throughout Louisiana for families with children from birth to three years old with medical conditions or developmental delays. The goal of Early Steps is to improve the children's development including enhancing literacy. Epsilon State's district directors will present the books to the ten regions of Early Steps. The providers of Early Steps services will distribute the books to the families of these young learners.

Bring the board books to your district meeting this fall. If you are not able to attend the district meeting, please send your book with a member who will be attending.

Theta Chapter members are invited to bring new board books to the October chapter meeting. The goal is to have 100 books donated per district. The SW district has

Legislative Updates



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- User controls: "Sign Out", "Donna", "Cart", and a "Keyword Search" box.
- Main heading: "Early-Learning Environments: Resources" in a large, bold, red font.
- Text block: "*Concern about early-learning environments is worldwide. The editor provides a curated list of relevant organizations and initiatives that are key resources for learning about and supporting the development of appropriate early-learning environments.*"
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- Link: "<http://www.naeyc.org/>"
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- Text block: "A key NAEYC focus is on leadership and professional development for those in the field of early-childhood education. In addition, the NAEYC provides accreditation for early-childhood programs—an assurance for those who enroll their children in NAEYC-accredited programs. NAEYC also offers a journal; magazine; library of books, manuals, and digital media; annual conferences; and advocacy for public policy regarding early-childhood legislation."
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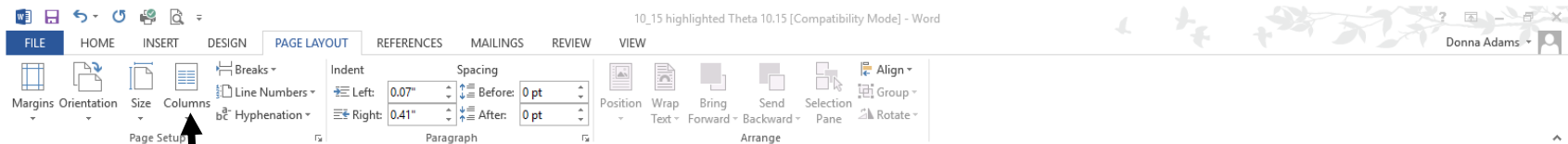
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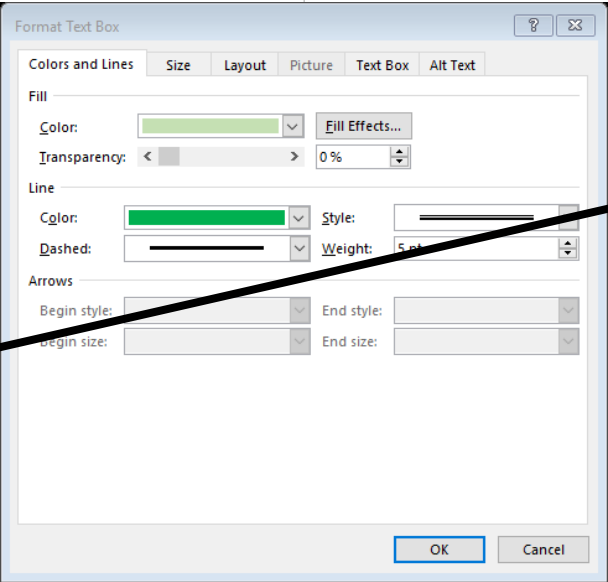
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Mission Statement - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education
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Scholarship Committee: Virgie Dronet has received information as of 10 a.m. today from Dr. White's secretary from McNeese, concerning graduating seniors. We only have one student teacher in Jeff Davis Parish for the fall. Upon further discussion we recommended that we wait until the spring when more students are doing student teaching. This will give the committee more students to select from for the scholarship.

Literacy Project: Frances Byler recommended that members go into Pre-K and kindergarten classrooms to read to children. It was also suggested that we contact principals in schools with Pre-K through 4th grade to interact with students needing remedial work. Jackie mentioned that Epsilon State does give out Literacy Grants.

Program Committee: Ann Arceneaux reported there were 14 new teachers in Jeff Davis Parish. Carrie Klein from Jennings High was selected to receive our \$50 gift certificate. The Fleur-de-lis Project is due February 1. Ann suggested that CADA be used again. They are in need of playground equipment. The committee can look into doing the Literacy Project, apply for a grant and turn it in for this project.

World Fellowship: Regilyn Carter asked members to pay a nickel for

There was no other business. Hostesses for the meeting were Candace Hebert, Glenetta Shuey, Barbara Litteral, and Holly Broussard.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mack (substituting for Nancy Allbritton)



President Sue Chapman presided over the meeting.



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Judy Dronet won the door prize.



Netta Shuey shared a beautiful meditation.



Frances Byler is on State DKG Music Committee and JDARTA

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Important Dates

- Oct. 27th 4:30 PM @ COA
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- Feb. 9th 4:30 PM @ COA
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Hostesses: Officers
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Bossier City

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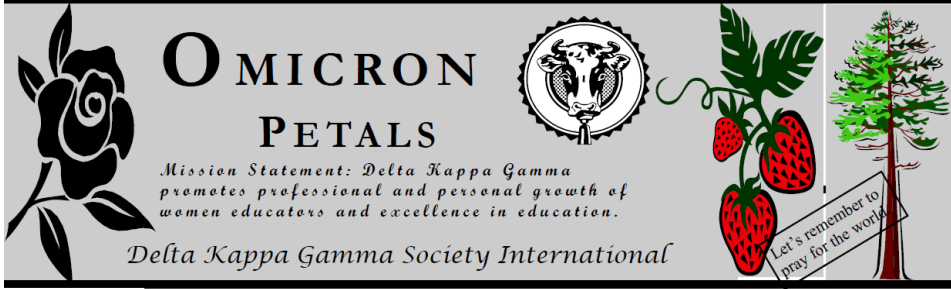
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October's program:
Advancing our Future
Technology and Math

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 6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Meeting
 The Red Maple
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President's Message
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 March 19: Alpha Delta Day at the Races.

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COORDINATING COUNCIL

Save the April 30, 2016 date for our Founders' Day Luncheon, Initiation, and Installation of Officers at Ralph & Kacoo's. You will want to be there to support our sisters and to visit with sisters from other chapters.

As Jennifer mentioned to us at our meeting, Alpha Sigma will be responsible for this and the Fall Luncheon so be thinking of a place and date.

EPSILON STATE NEWS

Use the Epsilon State website at epsilonstatedkg.org/ to find all kinds of information about our society

State Theme

Celebrating Our Past – Advancing Our Future

State Convention Basket

Be thinking of an idea for our State Basket. The theme this year is round "Celebrating Around the World". Money made from these baskets is used to help with expenses for a sister attending her first Southeast Regional Conference or her first International Convention. Some of the money is designated for the New Chapter Officers' Leadership Workshop.

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