

# Louisiana DELTION

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## DEADLINES

### June

**05-**(postmarked by June 5)  
 Forms 18 and 18A, initiate cards, reinstatement cards, dues money for anything not previously reported to State need to be sent to State Treasurer Linda Jackson  
**05-07--**Bea Davis Leadership Seminar at Woodworth

### July

**10 -** (Postmarked by 7-10)  
 Chapter treasurer, send Form 15 Annual Report of Chapter to State Treasurer  
**10-**Chapter treasurer, send Form 990-N E-card to IRS and send printed copy to State Treasurer  
**15-18-** Attend Southeast Regional in Savannah, GA

### August

**01 -** *Delton* articles due  
 ---District Director should meet with District Meeting Host Chapter to continue planning District Meetings

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## STATE OFFICERS

**President**  
 Martha Turner, Alpha Rho--NW  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
 Judy Rongey, Upsilon --S  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
 Kathye Blackburn, Alpha Rho--Nw  
**Recording Secretary**  
 Sandra Pruitt, Xi--SW  
**Parliamentary Advisor**  
 Peggy King, Alpha Lambda-SE  
**Executive Secretary**  
 Dolores Hackler, Alpha Sigma-NW  
**Treasurer**  
 Linda Jackson, Beta Gamma-SE  
**Delton Editor**  
 Wanda Lemoine, Beta Omicron-NW

## DONNIS POE

### 2015 EPSILON STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

This year's recipient, Donnis Poe, is a true star. Once established in her chapter she rose quickly to the top levels of our society and like the perfect member described by our founder, Annie Webb Blanton, she said YES to the challenges that were put before her at the chapter, state, and international levels. Not shying away from responsibilities in leadership and opportunities for professional and personal growth in DKG, the field of education and in life she is the epitome of the perfect member and a star in the Epsilon State galaxy. This nominee's dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma is evident in everything she has done and is currently doing to promote the excellence of women educators. She exemplifies the 7 purposes of the society in her actions at all levels of the society. As a member of Beta Sigma chapter since 1999, she is dedicated to attending meetings and participating in projects that support the educators within her parish, provides needy students with school supplies and clothing, and places books and toys in the hands of children displaced during the holiday season. She encourages chapter members to become active in the society and to take advantage of the benefits of being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma such as meeting and sharing with members across the society, reaping the rewards of knowledge gained at conventions, advancing the position of women educators. At the district level she was Central District Director from 2009-2011 and has faithfully attended Central district meetings since 2000. At the state level, she demonstrates her knowledge of the society and issues that relate to women in education by presenting workshops, by supporting and encouraging women as they take on new leadership roles in their schools and within the society, and by participating in projects that support education. She has served as a member of a state committee since 2005 participating in the Leadership, Membership, and Personal Growth and Services Committees as well as the chairperson of the Leadership and Membership committees. She honed her leadership skills attending the Bea Davis Leadership Seminar in 2003 and was a presenter at that seminar in 2013. In 2007 she was the recipient of the Alma Levins State Scholarship. She accepted the nomination as Epsilon State 2nd VP in 2007 and became State President in 2011. During her time as Epsilon State president, Donnis worked to better align the May Allen/Tulane Scholarship in order to provide greater benefits to Epsilon State members and set an example for other women educators to follow. In 2011 she developed and facilitated the REACH program and instituted a blog that has over six thousand hits to date. At the regional level and international levels, she has attended regional and international conventions since 2007. At this level she helped to support the growth of Delta Kappa Gamma by presenting workshops and being an advocate for women in education. In 2010 Donnis was a Golden Gift Seminar recipient and her article "Creating a Delta Kappa Gamma Resume and Portfolio" was published in the DKG Bulletin in Fall 2010 issue. She then presented a program on that topic at the International Convention in Spokane, WA. This workshop inspired members to compile information specific to their DKG experiences.



**CONGRATULATIONS DONNIS**

**Excerpts from Acceptance Speech at Epsilon State Convention, March 15, 2015**  
**Judy Rongey, Epsilon State President Elect for 2015-2017**

As the president elect for the next biennium, I thank Martha Turner for being a great leader for Epsilon State these past two years and for her wonderful theme, Lights, Camera, Action! After the movies, what comes next? Of course, it's the celebrations. I want us to join together to celebrate our past members and achievements. We have wonderful key educators in Louisiana who have done great things. We need to share their inspiring stories, projects and programs. Not only do I want to celebrate the past but I want us to focus on advancing our future in Epsilon State.

**How can we advance our future?** There are 9 letters I want you to remember so we can focus our efforts in this new biennium to advancing our society.

- C - communicate** our achievements by embracing social media
- E - engage** all DKG members within our chapter, district and state
- L - lead** by encouraging, inspiring and nudging others to lead
- E - educate** our members to be more responsive about important legislation and educational programs
- B - be a builder** to move us forward to advance key women educators and education
- R - relationships** with other educators and our communities
- A - awareness** and participation in our two International projects: Africa needs our help and our new educators
- T - teamwork** to achieve more
- E - empowerment** for our members with great programs which empower us personally and professionally

The word that I want us to embrace is celebrate. There are nine areas I want us to work on to advance our future. Remember if we keep doing what we've always done, then we'll continue to get what we have always gotten. Let's celebrate what we've done and focus and build to advance our future. **Epsilon State's theme for 2015-2017 will be Celebrating Our Past, Advancing Our Future.** Let the celebrations begin. Let's celebrate our past and our future!

**2013 KEY CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS**

<b><u>Gold</u></b>	<b><u>Silver</u></b>	<b><u>Bronze</u></b>
Theta, NE	Alpha, SW	Eta, NE
Omicron, SE	Zeta, NW	Sigma, SW
Upsilon, S	Mu, NW	Alpha Epsilon, SW
Chi, SW	Xi, SW	Alpha Kappa, SW
Psi, C	Omega, NE	Alpha Chi, SW
Alpha Alpha, NE	Alpha Beta, C	Beta Zeta, SW
Alpha Lambda, SE	Alpha Pi, C	Beta Kappa, C
Alpha Rho, NW	Beta Gamma, SE	Beta Mu, S
Alpha Sigma, NW	Beta Epsilon, NW	Beta Rho, SE
Alpha Omega, SW	Beta Omicron, NW	Beta Upsilon, S
Beta Xi, C	Gamma Eta, SE	Gamma Gamma, SE
Beta Sigma, C		
Beta Tau, SE		

**Bea Davis Class of 2015**

- Pam Hesser, Mu, NW
- Glenda Spurgeon, Beta XI, C
- Ivy Trozier, Alpha Upsilon, C
- Pat Crochet, Iota, S
- Marjorie Bull, Mu, NW
- Sherry Fulton, Psi, C
- Emily Arnold, Theta, NE
- Karen Pittman, Alpha Alpha, NE
- Debra Torline, Chi, SW

**First Timers Article**  
**Tina Wolfe, Alpha Alpha**

My first visit to Epsilon State Convention was epic. I have only been a member of this society for six months, but I already feel like I am a constructive part of our group. It was wonderful to see all the service project displays and scrapbooks. Of course my favorite part of the convention was the first timer baskets, of which I won two!

The general sessions were very informative and organized. I loved hearing Representative Rob Shadoin speak. Phyllis Hickey was also an outstanding speaker from International. There was a lot of business that I never knew existed in DKG. It was certainly a revelation.

The Birthday Luncheon and Presidents' and Founders' Banquet were beautifully decorated. The membership recognitions and scholarship recipients opened my eyes to a world of future possibilities as an educator. The respect and dedication that the officers hold for each other is endearing. Door prizes are always a fabulous way to close out any gathering.

I was thrilled that the convention offered workshops. I'm always excited when I can get CLUs! They were informative and useful; not to mention short, sweet, and to the point.

It was encouraging getting to see members of my region interacting at the state level with skits, songs, and presentations. One of my group members commented that I would be up there in another year or two. Members also bought me a red ribbon and two pins for it. It really made me feel like I belonged.

The Sunday morning Celebration of Life was unlike anything I have ever been to. It was such a beautiful remembrance ceremony filled with music, love, and prayer. It was very moving.

The entire experience was something I will not soon forget. I feel that I gained a lot of knowledge at this convention and was able to meet and connect with educators from all over the state.

## Time to Take Action and Make a Difference in Our World

By Martha Turner, Epsilon State President



During this biennium projects inside of chapters have made me the most proud. Whether it was working with the Girl Scouts to develop leadership skills, getting students from two high schools together to do a play, or just helping local students with a tutoring center, these are just a few examples of what our chapters are doing to make a difference in our communities. As I read each president's report, every chapter had some project they took the time to put into action. Great job chapters!

Missing from many of the reports were projects associated with our International Projects: "S.E.E.—Supporting Early-Career Educators" and "Schools for Africa." It doesn't take much to get together a program or project to support these causes. As we plan our activities for next year, we need to make a point of planning for our International Projects. Ideas for *Supporting Early-Career Educators* could be making "Welcome to School" baskets with

supplies they could use for their classrooms, giving 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers Grants-In-Aid (\$50 goes a long way for beginning teachers), or just helping them get their room set up. Ideas for *Schools for Africa* could start with simply educating our members about the conditions of the schools in Africa and could continue with projects to raise money for the schools by collecting loose change, conducting a small raffle at each chapter meeting, or even just having a local bake sale.

Another concern presidents had on their reports was recruiting chapter officers especially presidents. Next year around March, each chapter will be selecting new officers. Now is the time to start recruiting officers. One of the biggest mistakes we can make as officers is to try to do everything ourselves. Others see that as overwhelming. Potential new officers have a fear that being an officer will be too much. We could start them off small by putting them in charge of a chapter program or even one of our projects. Give them a great committee to work with them, encourage them to delegate responsibilities, show them that working together we can accomplish anything.

In closing, each chapter needs a plan for next year which includes plans for 1) a community project, 2) a *S.E.E.* project, 3) a *Schools for Africa* project, and 4) recruiting chapter officers. By doing this, we will prepare our chapters for the future. We can also make a difference in lives of our membership, our communities, and ultimately our world. It is now "Time to Take Action and Make a Difference in Our World."

## Dolores' Farewell Tour Closes with a New Beginning

To know Dolores is to love Dolores. A mother hen, a constant teacher, and a true friend, her devotion to  $\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$  and to all of us is unmeasurable. It has been said, "If you give your best in all that you do, you'll never be disappointed." Dolores has never disappointed anyone. She once said, "This position has been a dream position for me. I love details and working behind the scenes which Epsilon State Secretary has provided me since accepting this position in 2006. I know sometimes I have not always stayed behind the scenes but that was not by choice." In show business terms, Dolores would be Epsilon State's Executive Producer...keeping an eye on everything making sure all runs smoothly.

Dolores' role in  $\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$  and working with her State Presidents has often been compared to the movie *Thelma and Louise*—only the good parts. Always "On the Road Again," Dolores has thoroughly enjoyed her travels around the state—her own chapter meetings, coordinating council meetings in her area, chapter and district meetings all over the state, state committee meetings, state convention...even to visit places she never knew existed. When it comes to Southeast Regional Conferences and International Conventions, she kept us all in line and organized; however, Dolores has never been afraid to make sure to have a good time. She has traveled as part of a "TEAM" with Loretta Brehm, worked with many "Hearts and Hands" during Jean Patterson's biennium, "Created a Buzz" with Cindy Ruel, embraced "Our Vision to Design Our Future" with Donnis Poe, and has helped in "Creating Infinite Possibilities" with Martha Turner.

Recently at our recent State Convention, Dolores was honored with a framed certificate of outstanding service as State Executive Secretary. The certificate was signed by her presidents as well as the current state officers and personnel. In addition, she was also given as a gift on her retirement, a large metal *Fleur de Lei*, which she has now hung on her front door. Unlike the ending to the movie *Thelma and Louise*, Dolores will not be driving off a cliff but will continue to serve Epsilon State as Chairman of the Research Committee and Co-chairman of 2016 Epsilon State Convention in Bossier City. In whatever role Dolores serves in our great society, she will truly continue to make a difference.



Dolores, thank you for your past service and we look forward to working with you in the future.

**CONGRATULATIONS NEW 2015-17 EPSILON STATE OFFICERS**

**President:** Judy Rongey, Upsilon S  
**1st Vice President:** Kathy Blackburn, Alpha Rho NW  
**2nd Vice President:** Sandra Pruitt, Xi SW  
**Recording Secretary:** Gwen Traylor, Omicron, SE

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**Executive Secretary Appointed**

Martha Turner, Epsilon State President, gave the Personnel Committee the task of making a recommendation for the replacement of Executive Secretary, Dolores Hackler. After reviewing the applications and conducting interviews of two very qualified applicants, it was recommended that **Peggy King** be offered the position. She was appointed to finish the biennium at the State Convention. She will begin on July 1, 2015. Thank you Peggy for stepping up

**AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES OF EPSILON STATE (PASSED MARCH, 2015)**

**Standing Rules Article I.C.5**

- C. Chapter Officers' Leadership Development Workshop  
Louisiana's Chapter Officers' Leadership Workshop is held in the summer of even-numbered years. The State President and/or Leadership Development Chairman decide the date and the location.
5. District Directors  
If District Directors are required to attend the Chapter Officers' Leadership Workshop, each District Director's travel expenses will be paid from the Chapter Officers' Leadership Development Workshop Account [2015]

**Standing Rules Article V.E. (New)**

- E. Jubilee Roses Stipend [2015]
1. In celebration of Delta Kappa Gamma's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Epsilon State established a special stipend for non-classroom educators, active and retired, regardless of years of membership, area of expertise, certification, or assignment.
  2. Funds for the presentation of stipends are made available through the generosity of members who purchase Jubilee Roses and through memorial donations to the fund.
  3. Guidelines:
    - a. Any active, Epsilon state non-classroom teacher current in her membership may apply for a Jubilee Stipend.
    - b. Stipends are limited to one per member and are limited to \$200 in payment of registration fees.
    - c. Stipends shall be awarded as funds are available.
    - d. Stipends may be used to attend regional, national or international conferences, conventions, workshops, and seminars not sponsored by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Proof of registration and attendance is required.
    - e. All recipients are expected to share the information acquired at the event they attend with Delta Kappa Gamma members at a local, district, state, regional or International Delta Kappa Gamma meeting or provide explanation of how the information will be used professionally.
    - f. No funds shall be made available for meetings for which financing is available from other sources, such as school boards, associations, university departments, etc.
    - g. A written report along with a copy of registration receipts shall be filed with the State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chairman within 60 days of attendance.

**The Louisiana Deltion**

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**"In Memoriam"**

Lena Bernauer, Chi, SW

LOUISIANA STATE ORGANIZATION - AVAILABLE FUND  
2013-2016 OPERATING ACCOUNT BUDGET FIGURES

	FINAL 2013-2014 BUDGET		ADOPTED 2014-2015 BUDGET	AMENDED 2014-2015 BUDGET	ADOPTED 2015-2016 BUDGET
REVENUE	ACTUAL INCOME		ESTIMATED INCOME	ESTIMATED INCOME	ESTIMATED INCOME
	A-1,615; R-160; I-95		A-1,641; R-158; I-98	A-1,489; R-146; I-40	A-1,500; R-150; I-15
SS 6.2%; Medicare 1.45%					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Dues (Active Members: 1,780 x \$15) 1,780 - 139 = 1,641	\$ 24,225.00		\$ 24,615.00	\$ 22,035.00	\$ 22,500.00
Dues (Reserve Members: 159 x \$5) 159 - 1 = 158	\$ 800.00		\$ 790.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 750.00
Initiation (New Members: 133 x \$2.50) 133 - 35 = 98	\$ 237.50		\$ 245.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.50
<b>SUBTOTAL (Use this line to work budget)</b>	\$ 25,262.50	Over	\$ 25,650.00	\$ 22,865.00	\$ 23,362.50
OTHER REVENUE NONRECURRING (Chap. Diss.; Non-Dues Transfers In (\$ St.Conv.--2013 passage)			\$ -	\$ 1,101.78	
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year	\$ 23,784.64		\$ 20,171.60	\$ 20,171.60	\$ 13,445.44
OTHER AVAILABLE SUBTOTAL -- FOR USE	\$ 23,784.64		\$ 20,171.60	\$ 21,273.38	\$ 13,445.44
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR USE</b>	\$ 49,047.14		\$ 45,821.60	\$ 44,138.38	\$ 36,807.94
Balance Brought Forward (Contingency - For Perm. Use)	\$ 12,553.52		\$ 12,553.52	\$ 12,553.52	\$ 12,553.52
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>
<b>ALL OFFICERS and PERSONNEL</b>	\$ 18,827.53		\$ 28,200.00	\$ 22,311.14	\$ 23,900.00
<b>PRESIDENT EXPENSES</b>	\$ 1,878.92	Under	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
President Office & Travel	\$ 1,078.92		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,400.00
President: INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ 800.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EXPENSES</b>	\$ 3,062.30	Under	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,600.00
Executive Secretary Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 867.30		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,400.00
Executive Secretary: INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ 225.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
Executive Secretary: Salary (Gross)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
<b>TREASURER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,190.33	Under	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
Treasurer: Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 1,390.33		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Treasurer: INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ 800.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
Treasurer: Salary (Gross)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
<b>EDITOR EXPENSES</b>	\$ 5,356.25	Under	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 6,586.41	\$ 7,100.00
Editor Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 755.61		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00
Editor: INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 786.41	\$ 800.00
Editor: Salary (Gross) -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
Editor: Deltion Printing	\$ 2,213.80		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00
Editor: Deltion Postage	\$ 886.84		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
<b>OTHER OFFICERS and PERSONNEL</b>	\$ 4,339.73		\$ 6,700.00	\$ 5,624.73	\$ 6,800.00
<b>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</b>	\$ 1,747.93	Under	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,649.73	\$ 1,800.00
Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 947.93		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ 800.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 649.73	\$ 800.00
<b>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</b>	\$ 1,505.41	Under	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,800.00
Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 705.41		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,000.00
INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ 800.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
<b>RECORDING SECRETARY</b>	\$ 861.28	Under	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 861.28		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
PARLIAMENTARY Office & Travel + Supplies	\$ 225.11	Under	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
WEBMASTER - Travel INTERNATIONAL/SE Regional				\$ -	\$ 800.00
Office & Travel + Supplies (Website Renewal, etc.)				\$ -	\$ 200.00
<b>DISTRICT DIRECTORS OFFICE &amp; TRAVEL</b>	\$ 848.32	Under	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>CHAPTER VISITS TRAVEL</b>	\$ 351.40	Over	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
<b>COMMITTEES MEETINGS, TRAVEL, OFFICE</b>	\$ 4,540.00	Over	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>COMMITTEES ACTIVITIES (Plaques, etc.)</b>	\$ 552.11	Over	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
<b>STATE MEETINGS - Transition 2013-2014 Odd</b>	\$ -		\$ 1,352.64	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	\$ 3,755.88	Under	\$ 4,376.05	\$ 4,181.80	\$ 4,505.45
EQUIPMENT - Maintenance and Repair	\$ 625.91		\$ 800.00	\$ 845.75	\$ 1,000.00
INSURANCE & BOND	\$ 535.00		\$ 540.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 625.00
FINANCIAL COMPILATION REPORT/990 FORM	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE (State's Share 7.65%)	\$ 420.75		\$ 436.05	\$ 436.05	\$ 405.45
GIFTS & COURTESIES	\$ 43.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	\$ 603.22		\$ 775.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 675.00
MEMORIALS - Education Foundation and Other	\$ -		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	\$ 128.00	Over	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$ 28,875.24		\$ 39,528.99	\$ 30,692.94	\$ 35,805.45
Balance to Carry Forward (Excludes Cont. \$12,553.52)	\$ 20,171.60		\$ 6,292.61	\$ 13,445.44	\$ 1,002.49
<b>Savings \$26,334.67</b>					

## MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITIONS

### **\*\*50 YEAR MEMBERS\*\***

(Initiated between January 1 and  
December 31, 1964)

Central, Frances Hayes, Psi  
Central, Jane Purser, Alpha Beta  
Central, Olive Ann Willis, Alpha Beta  
Central, Mary Lou Welch, Alpha Upsilon  
Southeast, Joyce Chambers, Omicron  
Southwest, Agatha Rhodes, Chi  
Southwest, Alberta Winch, Alpha Epsilon

### **\*\*25 YEAR MEMBERS\*\***

(Initiated between January 1 and December 31, 1989)

Mary Anne Russell, Psi, C	Sandra Goldich, Beta Xi, C
Sharra S. Aswell, Theta, NE	Jean Rhodes, Omega, NE
Mary Lou Hughes, Alpha Rho, NW	Betty Adams, Omega, NE
Linda Bradford, Alpha Sigma, NW	Theresa Braud, Rho, SE
Jewel McCartney, Alpha Delta, S	Allison Braud, Tau, SE
Ann Williams, Alpha Delta, S	Margorie Green, Sigma, SW
Donna Kimball Lerma, Alpha Xi, SE	Sue Elliott, Beta Tau, SE
Mary B. McGehee, Alpha Xi, SE	Judy Young, Sigma, SW
Dr. Judith Schiebout, Alpha Xi, SE	Alecia Rabalais, Chi, SW
Marilyn Dejean, Alpha Zeta, SW	Jessie Davis, Alpha Zeta, SW

### **EPSILON STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### *Purpose V*

*To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators*

Emily Arnold	Theta, NE	The Charlotte Jaynes	Troy State	\$2400
Tia Neal	Beta Chi, NE	The State Founders Scholarship for Doctoral Study	UL Monroe	\$2500

### **SPECIAL STIPENDS AND GRANTS**

#### *Purpose III*

*To advance the professional interest and position of women in education*

#### **JUBILEE ROSE STIPEND**

Emily Arnold	Theta, NE	Library Communications Conference	New Jersey	\$200
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#### **WANDA GUNN LIVE & LEARN SPECIAL STIPEND**

Jo Ann Hebert	Alpha Lambda, SE	Nat'l Agriculture Classroom Conference	Louisville, KY	\$200
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#### **LITERACY NUMERACY STIPEND GRANTS**

Sarah Broussard	Alpha Omega, SW	Logging for Literacy	\$249
Mary Anne Russell	Psi, C	Slide, Solve, Add and Subtract	\$200
Ashley Cagle	Alpha, SW	Building Success at an Early Age	\$150
Joy Reger	Alpha Sigma, NW	Fluency Matters	\$130
Veronica R. Governale	Chi, SE	The Language Listeners	\$129
Janie Humphries	Theta, NE	Lincoln Parish Early Childhood Love of Reading Project	\$110

#### **THE VIVIAN F. BOURGEOIS SPECIAL STIPEND**

Sarah Broussard	Alpha Omega, SW	Advanced Placement Institute New Orleans	\$485
Kathy Olivier	Alpha Zeta, NE	NCTM Conference New Orleans	\$310
Donna Patten	Eta, NE	STEM inspiration Conference Shreveport	\$195
Diana R. Gwinn	Alpha Sigma, NW	LACUE Conference New Orleans	\$390
Candace S. Hebert	Alpha Kappa, SW	LACUE Conference New Orleans	\$120
Jo Ann Hebert	Alpha Lambda, S	Nat'l Agriculture Classroom Conference Louisville, KY	\$460

#### **KEEP UP WITH EVERYTHING**

Visit the Epsilon State Website at <http://www.epsilonstatedkg.org>  
Visit the International Website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Cathy Pittman	Alpha Upsilon, C	Teacher of the Year LaSalle Parish Middle School
Miranda Blount	Mu, NW	Logansport Elementary School Teacher of the Year
Aimee Dison	Beta Epsilon, NW	Bienville Parish Elementary School Teacher of the Year
		Saline Elementary School Teacher of the Year
Carolyn Davis	Beta Epsilon, NW	Saline Middle School Teacher of the Year
Judy Rongey	Upsilon, S	LACUE Early Childhood State Teacher of the Year
		LACUE Early Childhood Region 1 Teacher of the Year
Bridget Begnaud	Alpha, SW	Lafayette Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year
Jo Ann Hebert	Alpha Lambda, SW	National Agriculture Teacher of the Year
Catherine Olinde	Alpha Lambda, SW	Louisiana Agriculture Teacher of the Year
Brandi Chism	Alpha Lambda, SW	West Feliciana High School Teacher of the Year
Kimberly Hebert	Alpha Omega, SW	Loreauville High School Teacher of the Year
Claire Reed	Alpha Zeta, SW	St. Landry Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year
Frances Atkinson	Gamma Eta, SW	Teacher of the Year for Northwestern Middle School
		Middle School Representative for Zachary Community
		Schools for 2016 State Teacher of the Year

## NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

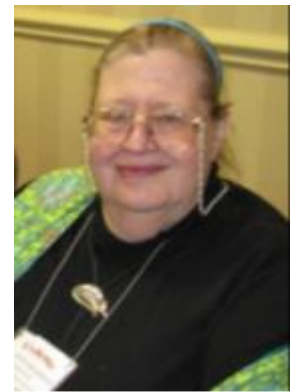
Rhonda Hampton	Beta Sigma, C	Recertification
Bonnie Baker Richardson	Alpha Xi, SE	Recertification
Brenda Loyd	Alpha Xi, SE	Recertification
Teresa Parmley	Sigma, SW	Recertification
Sonya Greene	Sigma, SW	Recertification
Charlotte Bihm	Alpha Zeta, SW	Recertification

## NEWSLETTER AWARDS

<u>Central</u>	<u>Northwest</u>	<u>Southeast</u>	<u>Southwest</u>	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>South</u>
Psi	Zeta	Omicron	Alpha	Theta	Upsilon
Alpha Beta	Mu	Alpha Lambda	Xi	Omega	Alpha Delta
Alpha Pi	Nu	Alpha Mu	Chi		Lambda
Alpha Upsilon	Alpha Sigma	Alpha Xi	Alpha Epsilon		
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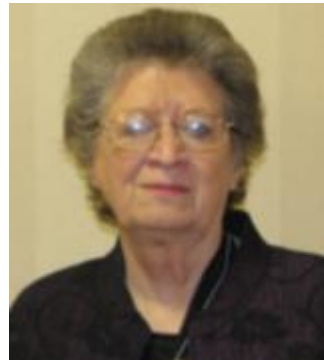
## FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

Representative **Robert "Rob" Shadoin** of District 12 was named the 2015 Friend of Education by the Epsilon State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The award was presented to Representative Shadoin during the 81st Annual State Convention held in Lafayette on March 13-15, 2015. In his acceptance, Representative Shadoin noted, "The words 'thank you' seem inadequate to describe the humility I feel upon receiving the award. I am honored and humbled by this recognition. I know you all could have found much more deserving recipients but I know you could not have found one more grateful and appreciative." The annual *Friend of Education Award* was created in 2011 to recognize a legislator who is a proponent of education and one who supports teachers and students. Representative Shadoin, whose district covers the Lincoln and Union Parishes of Louisiana, was nominated for the honor by the local Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. In nomination documents, Dr. Lori Myers, Theta Chapter President, indicated that Representative Shadoin has been a long-time supporter of education, and that as a member of the House Education Committee, he has represented the best interests of educators on key issues during a very difficult and challenging time for education legislation and policies. Shadoin has served on the House Education Committee since 2012. Additionally, in the fall of 2014, Representative Shadoin spent much time representing his district regarding the issues and changes affecting insurance for state employees. At the convention, Representative Shadoin had an opportunity to speak to the attendees from across the state, share his views on education, and discuss education issues for the upcoming session. Local chapter member, Dr. Janie Humphries, who is actively involved in early childhood education issues, shared, "In my experiences, Rob is always available to listen to those in his district and seek feedback when new bills, issues, or policies impacting education have been introduced. I really appreciate his openness and willingness to best serve the people of the district."









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*Around the State with Our Sisters. . . .*

- Congratulations to **Claire Guarisco, Chi, SW** St. Mary Parish Elementary School Principal of the Year
- Congratulations to **Theta Chapter, NE** will be initiating six new members at their annual Founders' Day meeting
- **Alpha Sigma Chapter, NW** prepared 24 Easter buckets and 25 mothers treat bags for the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue mission
- **Mary Frances Sherwood, Alpha Gamma, SW** earned the Toastmasters International Advanced Leadership Bronze Award
- **Mu Chapter, NW** has been busy this new year by providing snacks for teachers throughout Desoto Parish and encouraging young students to read by visiting classrooms with interesting books
- Congratulations to **Lindsay Parker, Mu, NW** who is the only 2014-15 recipient from Louisiana to receive the prestigious Milken Educator Award
- Congratulations to **Kimberly Hebert, Alpha Omega, SW**, Loreauville High School Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulations to **Sarah Broussard, Alpha Omega, SW**, received a QSM (Quality Science and Mathematics) Grant for science lab supplies.
- Congratulations to **Kathy McDaniel, Sigma, SW**, Pine wood Elementary Teacher of the Year
- **Deborah Forbes, Beta Gamma, SE**, and her niece, Stephanie Bond Hulett, held a book launch party on January 10, 2015. The two co-authored a children's book, The Animals' Secret Krewe. Deborah also illustrated the book. The delightful rhyming tale has bayou animals preparing for their own Mardi Gras celebration.
- **Brandy Broussard, Alpha Epsilon, SW**, has been named as the principal of Gueydan High School.
- **Melanie Hensgens, Alpha Epsilon, SW**, has been selected as Gueydan High School Teacher of the Year
- **Alpha Omega, SW**, held a four-mile walk in City Park. Events began with warm-up exercises led by a local gym instructor. Seven schools participated along with members of the community and the host chapter. With approximately 70 walkers, \$1,400 was raised. Proceeds will be returned to the librarians at the participating schools.
- Congratulations to **Jerry Malone, Alpha Sigma**, for winning the limited edition sterling silver bell pendent necklace from the Bell Collection that was for the donation project for World Fellowships. Thanks to the generosity of Epsilon State members, World Fellowship generated over \$1700.00 to aid women from other countries to achieve their goal of an education. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR INDUCTED**

**Elouise Sanders**, a member of **Nu Chapter** inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Educators at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana on October 11, 2014. An educator of thirty four years she was active in numerous school activities throughout her prestigious career. In addition, Elouise has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for sixty years and served as Northwest Region Director (1975-77); Second Vice President of Epsilon State (19831-83) and was the Recipient of the Epsilon State Achievement Award in 1995. Many DKG members attended to show support one of our most distinguished members.

**FLEUR DE LIS AWARD**

**Psi, C**

Beta Xi, C  
Omicron, SE  
Alpha Mu, SE

Beta Gamma, SE  
Alpha, SW  
**Xi, SW**

**Alpha Kappa, SW**  
**Alpha Epsilon, SW**

**DKG and Girl Scouts: Together Creating Infinite Possibilities**

Little Dresses for Africa  
Battle of New Orleans  
A Visit with Life and Death by the Mighty Mississippi  
Schools for Africa  
Building Success at an Early Age  
**Empowering the Community for Excellence Tutoring Program**  
**A Shower of Support for CADA**  
**Sewing Clothes for Premature Babies**

\*\*\*Bold indicates a 4 way tie for First Place\*\*\*