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FROM THE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S NOTES	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON.... "MEMBERSHIP"
<p>From Margret.....</p> <p>Please consider giving your time and talents to those in need during this Christmas season.</p> <p>Please also have a gmail account (for instance, fmatkinson@gmail.com) ready for the February meeting's "Technology Tips" installation. Please complete this form so I can keep track of the gmail addresses for future collaboration! If you need help setting up an account, please email me at my gmail account (found above!).</p>	<p>We want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year to your families and students.</p> <p>We are looking forward to a successful year in DKG.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LINDA</p>

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!!
<p>Executive Board Meeting-1/18/2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. Where: Home of Mary Jane Clark 1242 Masterson Dr. 70810 (Oak Hills) Hostesses: Executive Board Members</p>	<p>DECEMBER/JANUARY Evelyn Alford-12/12 Blanche Hamilton-12/14 Ann Mills-1/01</p>

WE ARE SO PROUD

- **Of the opportunity to have initiated a new member Debbie Usie who, prior to joining attended the S.E. District Meeting and pitched right in to assist us with the many duties as a host chapter.**



Initiation of Debbie Usie

from left to right

Margret Atkinson, Renee Siccone, Katie Ferguson, Debbie Usie, Mary Jane Clark, Linda Ruth Jackson, Barbara Verdin

Walk On's, November 24, 2015

INTERNATIONAL/ STATE FOCUS

Judy Rongey, President of Delta Kappa Gamma Epsilon has as her theme, "Celebrate Our Past-Advancing Our Future." It is so fitting as we go into the Christmas Season. Let us all celebrate each other and consider expanding our future through membership and fellowship! Consider attending the DKG State Convention March 11-13, 2016 in Bossier City at the Hilton Garden Inn and the DKG International Convention July 4-9, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Resort.

OH LORD, GRANT US PEACE ON EARTH...

EDITOR'S EDICTS

Tis the season of anticipation and reflection. Each member of our chapter has provided us with all of the above. As we reflect upon the talents of each individual member and anticipate the blessings they have and will bestow on our chapter in the future, it is time to "Celebrate our Past-Advance Our Future"

Evelyn Alford-Evelyn is a Charter member of Gamma Eta known for her leadership roles and her musical talents. Evelyn led the chapter in the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song for many years and is an accomplished pianist. Evelyn's health has prevented her from playing an active role in recent times, but hopefully this will improve and she will again lead us in song.

Amy Allen-An organizer and a professional that wears many hats. We are so grateful to have Amy as an active member of our chapter who works hard at any task given to her.

Margret Atkinson-Super gal! Terrific Teacher! Secretary of Gamma Eta! Technologically Advanced! A Go-Getter! You name it and Margret will achieve it! We are so blessed to have her utilize her many talents for our chapter and is currently leading us in setting up a Website. Thank you for Margret!

Catherine Brooks-One of the nicest people you will ever have the chance to meet and know! Catherine is a past President of our chapter and has given so much of her time and efforts. She is currently experiencing some health issues, that , hopefully, will improve so she can again join us in person. Her spirit is always with us.

Jeanne Chadoir-Jeanne also served as President of our chapter several years ago. She continues to be an active teacher in the EBRPSS. Jeanne gives much to her students.

Mary Jane Clark-She is one busy lady! MJ is serving her second term as President of Gamma Eta and has recently been appointed Southeast District Director of Delta Kappa Gamma-Epsilon. In addition to being such an active member, MJ also is active in other clubs and in church activities. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother of 3. Ask her about tutoring a 7th grader.

Katie Ferguson-Katie currently serves as Treasurer of Gamma Eta, keeping our funds secure. Katie is an active teacher in the EBRPSS, serving in a leadership at her school.

Laura Grubb-This active relatively new member of our chapter has technology talents that will be utilized as we go forward with the development of a website. Laura always shows up with a big smile on her face.

Blanche Hamilton-A long time member who still contributes her talents as an active Tutor for students on a weekly basis. Talking to Blanche brings joy and she will uplift your spirits.

Betty Lou Kraft-A lovely, giving person. Betty will assist with any project and perform her duties well. She is so very organized, and has been most successful in her professional career.

Linda Landry-Linda spent most of her professional career teaching in Texas and moved back to her hometown of St. Gabriel several years ago. Linda serves as 2nd Vice President of our chapter and gives so much of her time, energy and talents helping others.

Glenda Lofton-An accomplished writer and author, Glenda has given her talents to our chapter, assisting with our Book Club presentations and offering her oratory talents at events. Glenda received her Ph.D, several years ago and served as a Professor at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Kathy McCrory-Living in Florida does not make Kathy any less an active member. Whatever can be done long distance, Kathy will do it! Hopefully she will be moving back in the near future.

Debbie Marchand-Energy Plus!! Debbie reminds us of the Energy Bunny. She serves as Chair of Orientation, makes all of our name tags, provides computer assistance, and, in addition, provides full time care for her 90 year old Dad.

Christine Merchant-Christine recently became a reinstated member. We look forward to utilizing her many talents in the future. Right now Christine is very busy as a French Immersion Teacher in the EBRPSS and recently presented in Washington, D.C.

Ann Mills-A traveling woman! Ann and her husband are constantly on the road. Ann still finds time to participate in her church choir, and utilizes her gift of giving. She also has been experiencing some health issues. Hopefully, improvements are on the way.

Rita Patton-A long time teacher in the gifted program, Rita contributes her gifts to our chapter using her creativity to assist in different projects.

Lora Patureau-Lora is a Charter Member of Gamma Eta who has given so much to our chapter over the years. She is a very keen business woman and spent many years as a leader in the EBRPSS. Lora's husband requires much of her attention recently as he battles Cancer.

Carol Peltier-Another charter member, "What hasn't Carol done for our chapter?" She has served in just about every leadership role at the local and state levels, and is still a very active member. Need helpful advice. Just call Carol!

Renee Siccone-Renee serves as our Chapter Immediate Past President and 1st Vice President. Renee is also active at the State Level. A very busy person, Renee is the Assistant Executive Director of Louisiana Retired Teacher's Association. She can preserve foods and plan any event. We're lucky to claim Renee as one of ours.

Debbie Usie- Just initiated at our November meeting, it feels like Debbie has been a part of our chapter for an extended time. Before even becoming a member, she helped with the District Meeting. We look forward to utilizing Debbie's many talents. She is an active teacher in the Zachary School System and is a wife and mother to two sons.

Barbara Verdin-It has been my pleasure to serve as the Newsletter Editor for the past 1 ½ years (barbaraverdin@att.net). I am proud to be associated with such a talented and gifted group of professional women and anticipate many more years of fellowship. Thanks to all of you and may you continue to experience an abundance of blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**AS WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, MAY YOUR LIFE HAVE AN
ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS AND LET US ALL BE THANKFUL**



2015 Christmas Dinner at Cafe Americain

combined East Baton Rouge Chapters dinner, hosted by the Coordinating Council

from left to right, sitting

Barbara Verdin, Carol Peltier, Linda Landry, Raymond Landry

from left to right, standing

Renee Siccone, Mary Jane Clark, Laura Grubb, Margret Atkinson, Katie Ferguson, Sarah Gallion, Debbie Usie



Renee Siccone, speaking on behalf of the Coordinating Council



Gamma Eta, enjoying pre-dinner conversation
(l-r) Laura Grubb, Katie Ferguson, Barbara Verdin, Carol Peltier, Linda Landry, Raymond Landry, Debbie Usie



**May Christmas
fill you and your
family with joy
and happiness!**