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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I truly hope that all mothers, grandmothers, and those that are mothering to children had a wonderful day on Sunday. I know that it was a difficult day for some of you that lost your mothers this year. I hope that you can concentrate on the wonderful times you surely had over the years with your mothers. I'm sure that is what they would want.

For those of you that are still teaching, I hope that your end of year activities go smoothly. It can be a stressful time. During your summer, be with and there for your loved ones. You will never regret that time spent. Rest, relax, laugh, enjoy, and renew your spirit and body. You do important work, but it is hard and draining. This is your respite. Use it well.

While you are doing some reflecting, I would like to share axioms about good teachers from *McDonogh 15: Becoming a School* by Lucianne Carmichael. I was fortunate to become principal of McDonogh 15 in the French Quarter in New Orleans and even more fortunate to have met Lucianne Carmichael. You may be able to find a copy of her book on amazon.com, but it is no longer in print.

- Axiom 1. Good teachers select themselves. They teach where they're teaching because it's their choice.
- Axiom 2. Good teachers are strong people. They have moral and physical stamina to keep coming back in the face of all odds.
- Axiom 3. Good teachers have a tremendous growth capacity. They are voracious learners who are never satisfied with letting things be. They bombard you, even annoy you with continual schemes to find a better way.
- Axiom 4. Good teachers are sharers. They have the ability to share their ideas, their practical realities, and their strengths. They enjoy each other and are not threatened by each other. They learn from each other.
- Axiom 5. Good teachers attract good teachers. They have friends who are good teachers. But also they exude a kind of magnetism. Good teachers want to be around other good teachers.
- Axiom 6. Good teachers give strength to the whole, make everyone stronger and in a way that doesn't leave when they leave. Their strength remains when they have gone because they *shared* it. They give it to us to keep.
- Axiom 7. Good teachers are divergent teachers. They are independent-minded. They want to figure out their own problems and find their own way. They become ugly if you interfere with this Don't do it.

Be well, do good work, and God bless you, Mary Jane

TREASURER'S MESSAGE	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON.... "COMING ATTRACTIONS"
<p>Annual dues of \$71.00 may be turned in to Katie Ferguson beginning in May and June but will not be reported and mailed in until July-October, 2015. Prepaid dues in May and June will be so noted, so whatever method is most convenient to our members is acceptable.</p>	<p>Cancer is a medical condition that has most likely affected all of us. It may be a relative, a friend, or even us.</p> <p>Considering the relevance, "Cancer Awareness in the 21 Century" will be the topic of our program for May. Please attend the meeting and participate in a discussion of something that impacts so many.</p>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!!
<p>Chapter Meeting May 19, 2015 Time: 6-8 p.m. Where: Portabella's Grill Bocage Shopping Ctr.-Jefferson Hwy. Program: Cancer Awareness Hostesses: Renee Siccone, Katie Ferguson</p>	<p>May-July Birthdays-Salutes (I goofed. Linda's Birthday is 7/10) Margret Atkinson-6/30 Jean Chaudoir-7/31 Mary Jane Clark-7/31 Katie Ferguson-5/26 Ann Grant-6/20 Kathy McCrory-5/2 Rita Patton-5/28 Katie Petitto-6/5 Renee Siccone-5/3</p>

"WE ARE SO PROUD"

- Of members who have volunteered to assist with the S.E. District Meeting by making Door Prizes, helping with registration, clean-up, etc.
- Of Christine Merchant, who will be reinstated as a member at the May meeting after an absence of several years. We're so glad to have her back!

INTERNATIONAL/ STATE FOCUS
<p>The frequent communication we receive, such as the <u>Deltion</u>, <u>The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin</u>, and the <u>DKG News</u> from State and International Offices are welcome as a means of keeping abreast of current happenings and trends in education. Please read the various documents to further your knowledge of happenings in education and with various members throughout the planet.</p>

EDITORS' EDICTS

As you know, our chapter is hosting the Southeast District Delta Kappa Gamma meeting on October 31st at the Rural Life Museum. We want to have special Door Prizes and would like to, if possible, have many home-made or grown. For example, Mary Jane and Christine are knitting scarves and Renee is making jam. If you have something you could make or secure, please call Barbara at 787-8151 or Renee at 757-1338.

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NOSTALGIA

Recently I went to a friend's house in Plaquemine Point to crack pecans. She told me that the commercial pecan crackers were set up in an old schoolhouse that was on her property. I am enclosing a picture of it. My daddy, Emile Peltier, lived very close to this property and quite possibly attended school in this one room plantation schoolhouse. He told stories about riding in a wagon to school and bringing younger children to school too. I really enjoyed the thought that Daddy would have learned to read and write in this tiny simple structure.

Linda Landry –Second Vice President



MARGRET ATKINSON NAMED.....

May 4, 2015

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Nominee Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National History Day (NHD) announced today a teacher Nominated to receive the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award. Nominees have shown outstanding creativity, commitment, and inspiration in developing student interest in history. Each state winner is awarded \$500, and is eligible for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award. Two national winners, announced on June 18, 2015, will receive \$10,000 in recognition of their outstanding efforts.

Margret Atkinson, a teacher at Northwestern Middle School in Zachary, Louisiana, is one of only two winners from the state. Middle and high school teachers are nominated by their administrators, peers, or themselves for the award. Each participating state is allowed to select one high school and one middle school teacher to receive the state award and consideration for the national award.

“National History Day firmly believes that quality teachers are the best educational tools that students have,” said National History Day Executive Director Cathy Gorn.

“The teachers selected as Behring award recipients are a credit to their discipline, and exemplify what it takes to be a quality educator.”

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award winners are NHD participating teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom. Their work must clearly illustrate the development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past; award winning teachers also demonstrate a commitment to helping students develop their interest in history and recognize their achievements.

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NHD is a nonprofit education organization in College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD offers yearlong academic programs that engage over half a million middle and high school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. These research-based projects are entered into contests at the local and affiliate levels, where the top student projects have the opportunity to advance to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators. NHD is sponsored in part by Kenneth E. Behring, Patricia Behring, HISTORY®, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, Southwest Airlines, the Joe Weider Foundation and the WEM 2000 Foundation of the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation.

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