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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Gamma Eta Sisters,

It has been an honor to serve as your president this past biennium (my third). We have accomplished much together, not the least of which was hosting the district meeting this past fall, getting the chapter website up and running and approved thanks mostly to Margret, and receiving the Gold Key Chapter Award along with the Newsletter Award. Again, congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your support.

I am excited about our new officers taking the reins. All of us need to support them in their endeavors to continue to make Gamma Eta a Gold chapter. Since the board usually meets in June to plan programs for the following year, this is a good time for you to make any suggestions that you might have. I hope many of you will be able to join us for their installation on May 17th. Linda and Debbie will be out of town; therefore, our venue has changed. Please note that we will be going to de Angelo's on Bluebonnet. Margret has confirmed our speaker.

On Monday, April 25, Margret and I attended the Baton Rouge Coordinating Council meeting. The purpose of this council is to keep us informed of upcoming activities and each chapter's responsibilities. Our Christmas dinner will be Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM, and we are in charge of the program. The venue will be decided soon, and you will be informed as soon as we know. Our yearbook pages are due at the beginning of August. The 2016 Southeast District Meeting will be Saturday, September 24, at the Kiwanis Log Cabin in Ponchatoula, LA. I will not be able to attend, because I will be returning that day from a trip with my husband. I hope Gamma Eta has a good representation. The 2017 Epsilon State Convention will be March 24-26, 2017, at the Hilton New Orleans Airport. The 2018 State Convention will be in Baton Rouge with Southeast District as hostesses. Beta Tau has volunteered to handle registration and to be treasurer. All chapters will need to pitch in. More information will be forthcoming.

Margret has requested that all members sign up for a Gmail account and then e-mail her at fmatkinson@gmail.com, so she may add you to our document. Please also send any pictures you may have that we can feature on the website (accomplishments, engagement with the community, etc.). You may always call Margret at 225-931-5009 if you have any questions.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers and grandmothers! I wish a smooth school closing for all of you still teaching. Have a restful summer!

Mary Jane

TREASURER'S NOTES	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON.... "MEMBERSHIP"
<p>To my Gamma Eta sisters: It has been my great pleasure to have served as our chapter's Treasurer for the past two years. It was a formidable challenge to do so as working with numbers has never been my area of interest. Excitedly, I look forward to assisting our incoming Treasurer in assuming this responsibility in the coming months. I thank you all for your ongoing love and support you provided me as I made my way along this path. Peace and Blessings, Katie Ferguson</p>	<p>Gamma Eta Chapter has had a successful year thanks to the efforts of many. We have been fortunate to have newer members who are already assuming leadership positions. We will all benefit by having new members with new ideas and renewed energy.</p> <p>I continue to encourage you to pursue prospective members.</p> <p>Linda Landry</p>

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MEETING INFO - CHANGE OF VENUE	HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!
<p>Chapter Meeting May 17, 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Where: De Angelo's at the corner of Bluebonnet Blvd. and Perkins Road</p> <p>Program: "American Italian Association" by Dr. Joe Picapito, Mary Ann & M. Bernard Atkinson. Installation of Officers</p> <p>Hostesses: Katie Ferguson & Laura Grubb</p>	<p>May, June, and July</p> <p>Margret Atkinson-6/30 Jeanne Chaudoir-7/31 Mary Jane Clark-7/31 Katie Ferguson-5/26 Linda Landry-7/10 Kathy McCrory-5/29 Renee Siccone-5/3</p>

"WE ARE SO PROUD"

- **Of our growth as a chapter under the leadership of Mary Jane Clark. She has given so much of her time, effort, and wisdom and we have definitely been the benefactors. Thank you, Mary Jane, for these past two years.**
- **To report that Blanche Hamilton is now happily settled in her new abode - Lake Sherwood Village, 4101 Plaza Towers Drive, #217, Baton Rouge 70816. She welcomes visitors and correspondence.**

- **Eight of Margret's students will be competing with five projects at the national level of National History Day at the University of Maryland in June.**
- **Margret is one of 22 ambassadors for NHD across the country and one of only two in Louisiana. She trains formally in July.**
- **Margret and her students earned a \$2,300 Donor Choose grant for a student led project about the Upstander.**
- **Margret and her students earned a \$1,500 grant through Real World Scholars to create products about the Upstander in order to sell and then donate proceeds to their designated charities.**

STATE AND INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

The new DKG Bulletin Collegial Exchange arrived in the mail a few days ago. There are some really interesting articles and features. Standing out to me was the article "Standing Up for Ourselves and Others: Loyal Female Literary Characters" by Sandra Imdieke. It brought back fond memories of books from the past, how our lives have changed, and how we need to continue to grow as individuals.

The U.S. Forum Connection also arrived via email. Have saved it to the DKG Folder so that items may be read at leisure.

Both of these publications provide us an opportunity to continue to improve professionally. Please take the time to do some reading very soon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our chapter has elected officers for the next biennium. New Officers are:

President - F. Margret Atkinson

1st Vice President - Debbie Usie

2nd Vice President - Linda Landry

Secretary - Kathryn Ferguson

Treasurer - Laura Grubb

Parliamentarian - Barbara Verdin.

EDITOR'S EDICT

April's chapter meeting ended with a potluck supper. As usual, the food was soooo good! Cooking does happen to be one of my pleasures in life (of course that means cooking when I want to, not of necessity) and sharing recipes makes me happy. For the supper, I made a soup good for the warmer months. Several of you requested the recipe, so I am obliging. Hope you enjoy. Can substitute any kind of pasta you prefer.

I will be continuing as Newsletter Editor for the new regime. The next newsletter will be published in August. Look for some changes.

Barbara Verdin - Newsletter Editor barbaraverdin@att.net



ARTICHOKE SOUP

½ STICK UNSALTED BUTTER

¼ CUP OLIVE OIL

2 ONIONS, DICED

2 CANS ARTICHOKE, CHOPPED (Do not use Marinated)

8 CUPS LOW-SODIUM CHICKEN BROTH (May need more if soup gets too thick)

½ TSP. ITALIAN SEASONING

½ TSP. BASIL

1 TBS. DRIED PARSLEY

1 BOX TORTELLINI OR OTHER PASTA AS DESIRED

GRATED ROMANO CHEESE

Melt butter and olive oil in a Dutch oven. Add onions and sauté over medium heat until soft. Add artichokes and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Add broth and seasonings. Bring to a boil and then simmer mixture for about 45 minutes. Add Tortellini or other Pasta and cook until done. Serve with the grated cheese added to the individual bowls.

Serves 6-8. Freezes well