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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Dear Gamma Eta Sisters,

As Barbara mentions below, you all came together as a team to make this year's Southeast District Meeting one of the best I've ever attended. I CELEBRATE YOU! I want to add Barbara Verdin to the list of members that she thanked in her article. She worked very hard from start to finish with planning, shopping, and cooking with Renee. Renee's husband, Phil, made the shirts for those of us at the meeting. They are beautiful, and we cannot thank him enough. Renee's jam jars as favors were a big hit. I've already been enjoying my apple butter. Barbara, Renee, Margret, and I were also at the Rural Life Museum Friday afternoon setting up. The staff, especially Mitch, could not have been more helpful. Saturday morning Margret and Laura were putting out the directional signs, which received many thanks from participants. Yes, the weather was less than stellar; however, it did not dampen our spirits or spirit of fellowship. The icing on the cake was having Margret receive the Southeast District Rosebud Award. Christine Merchant also received a Golden Rose certificate to add to her many accomplishments. We received many compliments, and I could not be prouder of everyone.

As a district, we collected 240 board books for the Epsilon State Project "Buggies of Books for Babes". On Sunday, my grandson affixed labels to the back of the books as a service project for school. He wants to know if we have more jobs for him to do. On Monday, November 1, as District Director, I delivered the trunk load of books to Valencia Parker Allen, Regional Coordinator, EarlySteps Program, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, and Diane Pitts, EarlySteps Community Outreach Specialist. They were so happy and thankful for the books, and were trying to decide how to distribute them, since there are over 600 children being served. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

We are close to Thanksgiving, which even my grandson and religion students have noticed stores have skipped right over. Then Christmas will be just around the corner, which stores are already promoting. We have many blessings to be thankful for this season. I hope all of you will spend some quality time with family and friends. Remember not to get too stressed out, because that defeats the purpose. Enjoy, relax, and be thankful! I hope to see many of you at the Baton Rouge Coordinating Council Christmas dinner. Remember to get your reservation in to Katie Ferguson by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

I really hate to end on a sad note, but we had to drop a couple of our fairly new members this year. I do hope they will become reinstated when their lives get back to normal after marriage and a new baby. Mary Jane

<b>SECRETARY'S NOTES</b>	<b>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON.... "MEMBERSHIP"</b>
<p>From Margret..... I want to let all of you know that, hopefully, the Website will be finished and approved this month. Also, we will continue to celebrate Louisiana's Heritage at our November meeting.</p>	<p>We have been fortunate to add some young, vibrant, and active members to our roster. They bring fresh new ideas and energy to our chapter.</p> <p>Now is also the time for our current and long term members to step up to the plate and provide leadership and guidance for all. That includes participating in projects, attending meetings, and assuming positions in the upcoming elections. We must have ALL of us working to continue to have a successful chapter. See ya at the November meeting. ****Linda Landry****</p>

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<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!!</b>
<p>Chapter Meeting November 17, 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. Where: DeAngelo's Pizzeria 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd. Program: Rich Resources at the WBRP Museum &amp; Technology Tips Hostesses: Barbara Verdin and Renee Siccone</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Amy Allen-11/14</p>

### **"WE ARE SO PROUD"**

- **Of all the chapter members who worked so hard toward making the District Meeting a success. Thank You-Thank You!**
- **Of Christine Merchant, who recently presented at a National French Immersion Conference in Washington, D.C. She was asked by the French Embassy to speak.**

➤ Of Margret Atkinson, who won the Southeast District “Rosebud” award at the District Meeting. The deserved accolades keep coming for Margret.

**INTERNATIONAL/STATE FOCUS**

Like to travel? Interested in meeting new people? Want to see new sites? Expand your horizons? Then 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, Tenn., at the Gaylord Opryland Resort.

**WINNER, WINNER! CHRISTMAS DINNER!**

**O.K. It's time for fun, relaxation, and to start celebrating the Christmas Season.**

**You want to know how? Attend the Baton Rouge Coordinating Council's Christmas Dinner on December 1, 2015. It will be held at Café Americain with festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person and you have three choices of food from which to choose. This year you may also purchase an extra meal to take home. Just include the extra cost in your check and the restaurant will prepare a to-go meal for you from our selections. The deadline for sending in your check is November 16<sup>th</sup>. Make the check out to DKG and send it to Katie Ferguson. Attached will be the form for you to use to make your food selection. Plan to attend!!!!**

**Renee Siccone**

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**EDITOR'S EDICTS**

**As I sit back and reflect on the District Meeting held this past Saturday, my main thoughts are of our chapter members who worked so hard to make it a success, and, YES, in my opinion, the whole event was terrific (well, maybe not the weather) from the beginning until the end. Having the State Officers, District Representatives, and District Members present was the biggest treat. I say that, since it was on Halloween Day. Some salutes are in order for some who worked behind the scenes and deserve some recognition. Let's start with Carol Peltier, who played a major role in securing the wonderful site for us and who totally coordinated the catering. Debbie Marchand made some very pretty name tags, which got lots of accolades. Linda Landry, her husband, and Debbie painted and made directional signs. None of the above three were present at the meeting, as they had a**

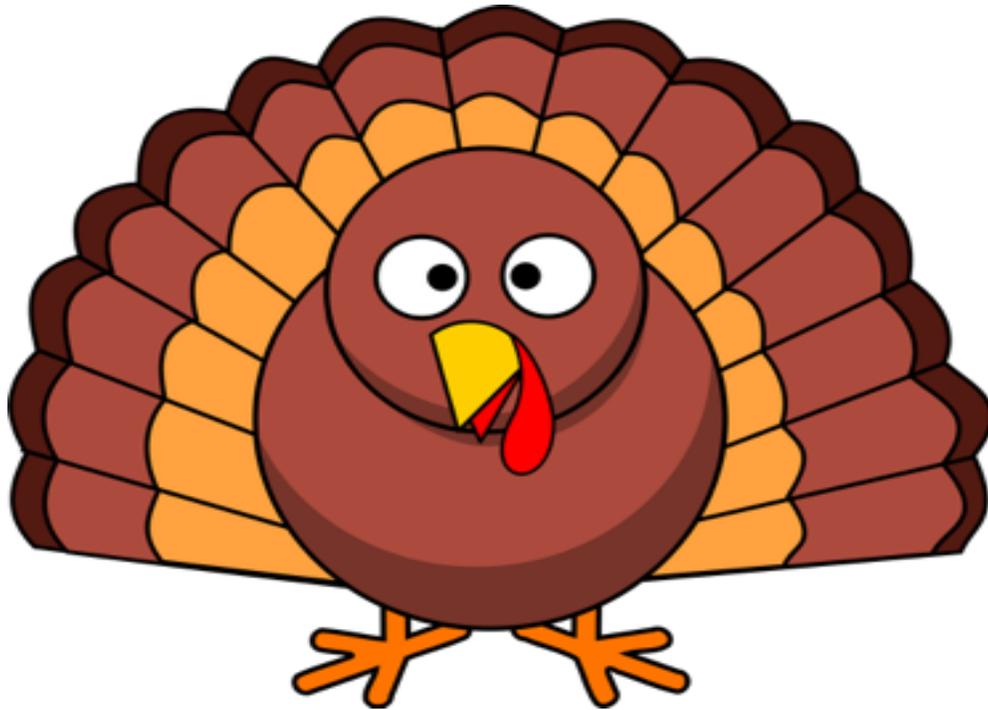
family reunion that day. Katie, as treasurer, collected registration forms and fees and paid the bills. That's a huge job. Thank you to Betty, Amy, Glenda, Margret, and Laura who were present the day of the event and provided door prizes and their labor. We even had a prospective new member who came and contributed her time and was so helpful all morning, Debbie Usie. I hope we will be initiating her as a new member soon. She will be such an attribute. Enough words cannot express the gratitude we owe Renee and Mary Jane. They played a major role in every aspect of the event from planning through completion. My favorite reflection is how well it turned out and how much fun it was to have been a part of such a great group effort. I look forward to our next project. I am a proud member of Gamma Eta!

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**Judy Rongey, Epsilon State President of Delta Kappa Gamma, presenting Margret Atkinson with the “Rosebud” award at the District Meeting held on October 31, 2015, at the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**



### **KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

- **Lora Patureau and her husband Pat, as he continues treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Lora has been traveling back and forth tending to family business.**
- **Evelyn Alford, who will be having scheduled surgery in the very near future.**
- **Catherine Brooks is recuperating from two falls which resulted in severe injury to her wrist. She had hardware installed after the first fall and then had to have even larger hardware installed after the second fall, which caused further damage to her wrist.**

