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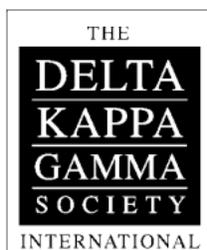
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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Greetings from Grace

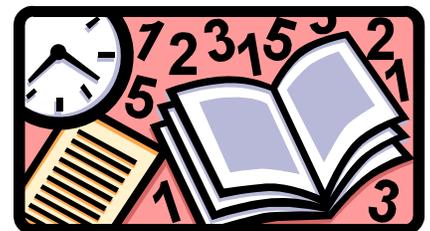
If you are out of practice in reading bedtime stories, you have about a month to get ready. A reminder that our March 20 meeting will be Bedtime Stories for the families of the Wayne County Family Center. Read on to find more information about this exciting and rewarding evening.

It is hard to believe that my biennium is coming to a close. The two years have passed so quickly! It has been a wonderful experience. Soon we will begin a new biennium with new officers. It is time to reflect on the past two years and evaluate what was especially good for our chapter and what did not

meet our needs or expectations. What should we consider for the fall? Do you have some ideas? Let us know.

I know that our new Executive Board will do a fine job of leading us in the next biennium.

The current Executive Board and membership have been outstanding. There is so much that each does and is responsible for and I have been able to feel comfortable that we would have good meetings and communications. Thanks for a job well done!



## March 20

Service Project: Bedtime Stories with the Wayne County Family Center. Jackie and her committee have invited the residents of the Family Center to Elliott School in Wayne/Westland for story telling and snacks. Please bring 2 to 3 children books to this worthwhile event. Also, bring some fresh fruit that Jackie will deliver to the center the next day.

To celebrate Reading Month, Gamma Alpha will sponsor this Bedtime Stories event at Elliott Elementary School in Westland. The event will be from 5:00 to 7:00. The residents of the Wayne County Family Center will arrive at Elliott promptly at 5:00. We will provide a pizza and salad dinner for the residents and our members. Members should try to get to Elliott School by 4:30. When the residents arrive, members will "pick up" a family at the door and escort them to a table. We will make nametags for the members of the family. After dinner, we will be reading books to the children. To help

celebrate Reading Month, we will also be giving books to the children, teens and parents. Please donate plenty of new or gently used books. Also, bring in fresh oranges, apples or bananas, which will be delivered to the center the next day.

\*Service Project Committee members should try to meet at Elliott on **March 5 at 4:00** for a brief planning in room 9.

### Committee members:

Jackie Smart, Susie Miller, Esther Loskowske, Donna Colaianne, Judy Handley, Joan Cady, Elaine Opper, Helen Mate, Bonnie Franka, Helal Patel, Susan Briody, Mary Lou Flynn and Carol Van Heest.

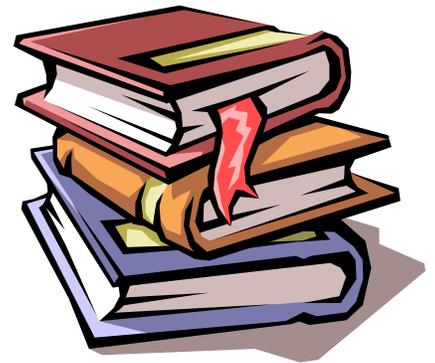
Bring ideas to make Bedtime Stories successful. Anyone else who wants to attend is welcome. We finalize plans and assignments at this meeting.

### Directions to Elliott Elem.

Drive south on Merriman. Turn left on Parkwood. (Parkwood is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile south of Cherry Hill Road) Stay on

Parkwood until you come to a stop sign. You can see the school from the stop sign. Turn left on Bennington. Enter the school at the gym door.

30800 Bennington  
Westland, MI  
734-595-2545



## April 24

Birthday Dinner and Installation of new Officers. The Birthday committee is looking for suggestions on where to hold our Birthday Dinner this year. Any ideas, contact Chris Smith or Judy Fisher. More information will be coming soon when plans are finalized.



The Alpha Iota State Convention will be held in Traverse City at the Grand Traverse Resort this year. Please mark your calendars. It should be a great time. Once you attend a convention, you'll return each year. The winter issue of the **Wolverine** will have registration forms and details.

Alpha Iota State World Fellowship urges people to donate any items that can be raffled off at the State Convention. Some suggestions for donations are Michigan products, afghan, tablecloth or framed pictures. If you would like to donate an item but cannot attend the convention, you can give your donation to Grace to take to the convention. Also, notify one of the co-chairpersons of your donation. The co-chairpersons are:

Diana Michael

Jackie Luke

**May 18**

Metro Council Birthday Luncheon: More information to follow.

**May 29**

The Executive Board will meet to discuss plans for 2002-2003.

**G.A.B.**



**"Can We Talk?"**

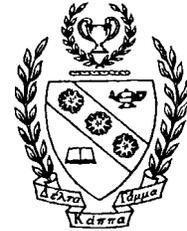
### **CHAPTER CHATTER**

At the January meeting, our new members were initiated into our chapter. It was a fun occasion as we warmly welcomed our new members into our chapter. At this meeting we also announced the new Executive Board members.

President: Judi Fisher  
Vice President: Lynne Elsesser  
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**We wish our new officers the best of luck!**

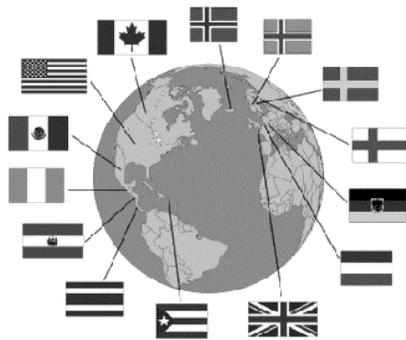
### **STATE STATS**



Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention will be at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. What a great time to enjoy spring with such beautiful surroundings like Grand Traverse. There are many interesting things to do at the resort and in the Traverse City area. So bring the family to enjoy this exciting city as you experience the thrill of a state convention.



## INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION



**July 30-Aug. 3  
International  
Convention**

The International Convention will be held at Little Rock, Arkansas this year. We encourage you to mark this date and plan to attend this exciting event.

Information can be found on the Society Web site at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org>



## BIRTHDAYS



### MARCH

2 Diane Anselm  
13 Esther Loskowske  
22 Paula Rivard  
22 June Chartland  
23 Andrea Griffin

### APRIL

1 Lynne Elsesser  
8 Evelyn Shutput  
15 Gina Strand  
22 Shirley Wahlstrom

### MAY

4 Sandy Becher  
4 Colleen Retherford  
11 Vicky Kurkowski  
15 Carol Palk  
20 Hetal Patel  
28 Joan Murray  
29 Bonnie Franka

### JUNE

19 Fran Saenz

### JULY

16 Suzanne Bacinski  
20 Carol Holland  
21 Judy Handley

### AUGUST

11 Joan Cady  
17 Mary Hendrein  
18 Abby Roche  
20 Grace Morgan

## MINUTES in a MINUTE



Now that we are more than half way through the school year, here are some inspirational sayings that might help us get through the rest of this year:

\*A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops.  
(by Henry Adams)

\*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.  
(by Malcolm S. Forbes)

\*Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.  
(by B.F. Skinner)

\*Teachers are those who use themselves as bridges, over which they invite their students to cross. Then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own. (by Nikos Kazantzakis)