

Changing Times

1974 - 1976

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The October 3, 1974, meeting was a dinner meeting held in the Gold Room of the K & W Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. The Research Committee was in charge of the program concerning the role of women in educational research, and Dr. Patricia M. Stroud was the speaker. Mary M. Cauley, sister to Dr. Stroud and a recent Sigma initiate, was the recipient of an Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma, Scholarship (Gilbert-McNairy) to be used in completing her doctoral degree in higher education administration and leadership concentration at North Carolina State University. Past President Leah M. Proctor was presented her president's pin. President Darby announced that Mary Sharpe Owens would be serving as Region II Director for the 1974-76 biennium.

The December 5, 1974, meeting was a Christmas dinner meeting held at the Baron & The Beef. The Professional Affairs Committee was in charge of the program. Reverend David Alexander of Gordon Street Christian Church gave a slide and tape-recorded presentation of his trip to Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and Israel in March 1971. The program was followed by group singing of Christmas carols and the exchanging of gifts.

Members met in the Gold Room of the K & W Cafeteria for a buffet dinner on January 30, 1975. Marisa Zavaleta, an American Field Service exchange student from Argentina in attendance at Kinston High School, was guest speaker. It was noted that September 27, 1975, had been selected as a tentative date for the District Meeting to be held in Kinston under the leadership of District Director Mary Sharpe Owens.

A buffet dinner on March 6, 1975, was enjoyed at King's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Marlene Irons, Director of the Developmental Evaluation Clinic in Greenville, and her twin sister, Dr. Isa Grant, Assistant Director of Local Health Services for the State of North Carolina, were guest speakers. The Chapter voted to take in 14 new members and each Delta Kappa Gamma member was asked to voluntarily give \$1.00 a year from 1975-1979 to help with plans and goals for the Golden Anniversary of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Members were reminded of the State Convention to be held at the Sheraton Center in Charlotte on April 25-27, 1975.

On May 3, 1975, a luncheon meeting was held at the Shrine Club at 10:30 a.m. An installation service for 13 new members included Ruth M. Allen, Brenda Canup, Ann B. Rhodes, Patricia Rice, Dorothy D. Rigsbee, Lillian Gouty, Agnes Faye Phillips, Virginia B. Pollock, Vivian Ann Stillely, Marie T. Hill, Cleo S. Hinson, Elaine McDaniel, and Brenda Parker. Ruth Harrison would be installed later. Brass bowls were presented to Tiny Hammond, Pearl M. Wooten, and Melba Hardy in honor of their recent retirement.

The Executive Board and Committee Members met on September 20, 1975, and voted to increase annual dues to \$25.00 for Active Members and \$4.00 for Reserve Members. The group discussed guidelines for remembering deaths in the immediate family of members (mother, father, guardian, sister, brother, child, or husband of a member). If a Delta Kappa Gamma member dies, three red roses will be sent to the family, but only one red rose will be sent to the member for deaths in the immediate family of a member. A sympathy card will be sent to a member to remember non-immediate family members.

On October 2, 1975, a dinner meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the K & W Cafeteria. Mary Sharpe Owens reported on the successful Regional Meeting held at the Shrine Club on September 27. Decorations and favors carried out the bicentennial theme. Mary Louise Wooten reported on a bicentennial project of the National Retired Teachers organization, which is to be a book entitled *So Proudly We Taught*. The state book is edited by Dr. Amos Abrams.

The Chapter met on December 4, 1975, in the Fellowship Hall of Gordon Street Christian Church at 6:30 p.m. for a delicious covered dish supper and Christmas bazaar. A program of Christmas music included Music Director Jo Ann Heath and the Senior Bell Choir of Gordon Street Christian Church. The membership voted to use the bazaar money for an educational fund. Dr. Patricia M. Stroud will be serving as Chairman of the Eta State Research Committee for this biennium.

The Chapter met on January 29, 1976, in the library of Northwest School at 4:30 p.m. The Professional Affairs Committee was responsible for the program that stressed the topic: "Spotlight on the Leadership of Women." Mrs. Charles (Sharon) Larkins, president of the Downtown Kinston Merchants' Association, was the guest speaker. The Treasurer reported a profit of \$278.50 from the Christmas bazaar. Carol M. Hood presented a request from Jones County members for expansion of Sigma Chapter by the formation of a new chapter to begin in September in Jones County.

On March 6, 1976, a breakfast meeting was held at King's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. A very appropriate program was presented on a bicentennial theme entitled "Patriots in Petticoats," which stressed the important role and services of women during the Revolutionary Period. Bazaar funds were to be used to purchase three (3) brass candlesticks for Jones County members to use at initiation services, 20 copies of *So Proudly We Taught*, 12 Indian books, and \$34.50 is to be placed in a Gift Fund. Members were reminded of the Eta State Convention to be held in Pinehurst April 9 - 11, 1976.

The Chapter met at the Methodist Church in Institute at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 1976. Guests were Phebe Emmons, Past State and International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, and Blanche McKee, State Expansion Chairman. Emmons presided in the chartering ceremony of the new Gamma Epsilon Chapter for Jones County. New officers were installed for that Chapter as well as Sigma Chapter. A memorial service was held for three deceased members: Martha Allen Barnes, Julia Catherine (Kate) McDaniel, and Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) Meeks. Brass bowls were presented to the following retirees: Sue Parker Banks, Evelyn B. Hardy, Elizabeth E. Hays, and Blanche Harper Moseley. Mary Sharpe Owens presented Sigma's gift of candlesticks to Gamma Epsilon Chapter. A delicious covered dish luncheon followed the business meeting.