

# **Positive Leadership for Purposeful Action**

**1976 - 1978**

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Sigma Chapter met at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, 1976. An initiation service was held for three new members: Cauley Jones Bryan, Virginia Meeks Mayo, and Susie C. Whitmore. A Past President's pin was presented to Nora Ellen Darby.

On December 2, 1976, Sigma Chapter met in the Fellowship Hall of Gordon Street Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. A business meeting and Christmas bazaar were held. The group enjoyed light refreshments brought by members. Sigma Chapter members will serve as hostesses for the Eta State Convention at the Hilton in Wilmington, North Carolina, on April 29 - May 1, 1977. Dr. Patricia Stroud, Research Chairman, was in charge of program. The theme this year is "Positive Leadership for Purposeful Action." Inventory sheets passed out showed that our attitude toward leadership is apathy. There was mention of many barriers for women in leadership roles which we must overcome.

On January 29, 1977, an 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting was held at Northwest Christian Church. The program was arranged by the Professional Affairs Committee and consisted of a slide presentation narrated by Reverend Dave Alexander that covered his tour of the beautiful Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Many of Sigma members were on the tour. Regional Director Clara Wilkins was unable to attend the meeting because of extremely cold weather.

On March 5, 1977, a luncheon meeting was held at King's Restaurant. "Cipher in the Snow," a film on child abuse, was shown. The Bazaar Committee announced that a \$100 Grant-in-Aid would be presented to a senior girl from Lenoir County to further her education. A committee was appointed to select a recipient. Membership attendance at meetings was emphasized. The possibility of yearbooks being printed at Lenoir Community College was discussed. The group voted on new members.

Sigma Chapter met on May 14, 1977, at the summer home of Ruth Walker at Broad Creek for a delightful meal, business meeting, and fellowship. Recommendations for better attendance at meetings by members were presented in the form of a Seven Point Attendance Plan. The plan was adopted. The group discussed criteria for recipients of the \$100 Grant-in-Aid to be given each year to a girl who plans to become a teacher. She must be well rounded, academically oriented, and a potential success. A certificate will be presented to the student by Sigma Chapter on Awards Day. After the student is enrolled in a college or university, the grant of \$100 will be sent to her. Program Chairman Marjorie K. Moore presented long-time member E. Merle Scott,

who spoke briefly on the history of Delta Kappa Gamma and discussed the proper way to wear the Delta Kappa Gamma keypin.

An Executive Board meeting was held on September 8, 1977, at the home of President Nancy Wilkie to discuss the calendar of meetings for the year. The Membership Chairman reported that 12 members did not attend the required three of five meetings held last year. Brenda Smith of Kinston High School was selected as the recipient of the \$100 Grant-in-Aid. Evelyn Hardy reported that \$297 had been sent to the Golden Gift Fund with all but ten members having paid their \$5.00 fee. The President announced that brass bowls had been purchased for presentation to retirees Cora Lee Munn and Sue T. Sutton.

An initiation service was held on October 5, 1977, at the LaGrange Elementary School Library at 7:30 p.m. for the following initiates: Peggy Albritton, Charron Hearn, Mildred Matthis, Judy Rochelle, Jimi Sawyer, Juanna Winfree, and Sarah Jones Wooten. It was announced that the \$100 Grant-in-Aid check had been sent to Brenda Smith. It was approved to place Frances Herring on the Reserve Membership status pursuant to her request. It was also announced that Lona B. Ruffin would be transferring her membership to Florida in the near future. Each new member was presented a red rose at the close of the meeting.

On December 8, 1977, Sigma Chapter met with Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Jones County for a Christmas Bazaar at the Quaker Neck Country Club in Trenton at 7:30 p.m. Cora Lee Munn's request for a change from active to reserve membership status was honored. It was voted to hold the initiation of new members and installation of officers at the spring meeting. Members were reminded of the Eta State Convention at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on April 28-30. A program of Christmas music was presented by the Pollockville Presbyterian Church Choir.

A luncheon meeting was held on January 28, 1978, at the House of Wang Chinese Restaurant. Self-Appraisal Inventory sheets were passed out by Dr. Patricia Stroud, Chairman of the Eta State Research Committee, to be compared with last year's survey as a means of determining personal and professional growth of members. A request was honored from Ann B. Rhodes to resign from the Society since she was no longer teaching. It was voted to have new name tags prepared for members.

A breakfast meeting was held at King's Restaurant on March 18, 1978, at 8:30 a.m. Isabelle Fletcher gave an interesting slide presentation on her trip to Africa. Clara Wilkins, Region II Director, spoke briefly on her tenure as Director. It was voted to accept four new members to be initiated at the May meeting, and the slate of new officers for the next biennium was approved. Agnes Freeman reported that the \$100 Grant-in-Aid would be continued for Brenda Smith during her sophomore year at Campbell University, and another person who plans to enroll in the college transfer program at Lenoir Community College (LCC) would be selected for a \$100 Grant-in-Aid. The Chapter decided to pay the full tuition of the Grant-in-Aid recipient at LCC in lieu of \$100.

On May 11, 1978, Sigma Chapter met at Lenoir Community College at 7:30 p.m. to install new officers, initiate new members, and commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sigma Chapter. Charter members in attendance were Martha May Kallam, Maude Hooker, E. Merle Scott, and Fannie Sutton. Sigma's 30 years of growth, expansion, and progress was narrated by Melba Hardy, Annie Blanche Spear, Nancy Sutton, Ruth Allen, and Betty Ruth Bradshaw. Founders and past

presidents of the Chapter were presented red roses in recognition of their service. Evelyn Hardy reported that \$360 had been collected by Sigma Chapter for the Golden Gift Leadership Fund begun at the International level. Initiates were Janice Floyd, Lucile Reed, and Mary B. Spence. New officers were installed and a social hour followed.