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**Third Meeting:
January 10, 2007
Rowan Public
Library**

Devotions:
Monda Griggs

Greeters:
Beth Walton

Attendance:
Betty Middleton,
Chair

Hostess:
Annette Hipp, Chair

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A Message from Epsilon

Honorary Epsilon Members Set High Standards

Former President Joan Ashley had excellent information when she nominated Phyllis Martin and Flo Peck into Delta Kappa Gamma Society Membership. Neither are certified teachers in public schools, but each has served education through the Literacy Council .

Last month the Rowan Public Library Newsletter reported that Phyllis was awarded the 2007 NCLA Literacy

Award. Nominator Melody Moxley said of Martin, "Phyllis' selfless service to the citizens of Rowan County has created readers of non-readers, influenced countless lives thanks to her training others to tutor, and has helped many immigrants become more productive residents of North Carolina."

Flo Peck, was presented the Humanitarian Award for service by Church Women Untied.

Flo, according to Ashley, "is such a great lady" that the award was, perhaps too long in coming.

Such dedication and caring for lifelong learning as well as the spiritual needs of others seals the bond between women educators and perfectly paints a picture of success on the canvas of life.

Please join in the praise for these two honorary and exemplary sisters.

Karen Wood Named Distinguished Alumni at Catawba College

Sometimes you wonder what took so long. In the case of Catawba College Distinguished Alumni designation for Epsilon sister, Dr. Karen Wood, the question is apparent. Wood, recipient of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's 2007 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award, has also twice received nominations for the UNC Bank of America Teaching Award in 2000 and 2006.

Since her graduation from Catawba in 1972, Wood has worked diligently to improve the teaching of reading by writing hundreds of articles and books about reading, and has promoted the success of graduate students under her instruction through sharing authorship of articles.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PAULA IDDINGS WHO REACHES
102 AT CHRISTMAS!!**

The first time I saw Pauline Iddings, I was awestruck. I have been a fan since I saw her climb a set of two story stairs in a pair of dressy pumps. I will not get over the image as long as I live.

This happened on a day that I was doing some serious limping from a long day of standing and pacing on a schoolroom floor. (This is my kind way of complaining about the pen-

chant for building public structures with concrete floors that break leg veins and cause debilitation of foot bones.) At the time Pauline fairly skipped up the steps, she was 99 and I was her junior by 50 years!

She joyously scurried up the stairs as I contemplated the elevator, but shamed by her enthusiastic and unbridled vigor, I opted to follow her instead.

Pauline has been an inspiration to those in Salisbury

and Rowan County for a number of years and has been highly respected as a healthy walker long before the "Mall walker" syndrome began to fascinate Americans.

Since that time, I have aged, but Pauline has championed gall bladder surgery, continued to be at church each Sunday, and has become the vibrant woman that she is by living a joyous and committed life of exuberance.

Dear Friend,

If you recently read a delightful book, or saw an old friend from bygone days, share the news at the next meeting: Jan. 10, 2008 Rowan Public Library

Please join Epsilon members at the January 10 meeting at the Rowan Public Library.

Our topic will be the Migrant Education

Our Website address has changed!

Please visit us at our new home:

www.deltakappagamma-epsilon.org

Find our newsletter and meeting minutes at this location at NO Cost!

This move will save \$500.00 and will provide availability of information quickly and efficiently. If you feel confident navigation this page call Kristy Henry to withdraw your name from the mailing list!

A Grand Lady says Good-bye to us all!

Epsilon Sister Alice Elizabeth Collins Martin, died November 21 at 106. She will be remembered for her spirited personality which graced her to the age of 106. Alice was educated at Eastern Michigan University and spent her en-

tire teaching career, 38 years, in Michigan schools. When she came to North Carolina for nearness to family members in later years she met many active Epsilon sisters at Trinity Oaks. The bond was sealed there and Al-

ice, during the 1990's, transferred membership from Michigan to North Carolina.

We will miss Alice Martin for her dedicated service to America's children and for being Epsilon's most Senior member.



If you know of someone who needs a reminder of how valued they are to Epsilon, please let Joyce Simmons know!

Note cards now available for Special Order

The dream of designing and creating social notes for Epsilon members to exchange in expressions of care and concern has been realized. The project which has gone through the various stages of completion throughout the biennium, have been put to bed and are currently for sale through Cindy Pope.

Artwork was submitted by two Carson High School students and the winning piece, a watercolor rose by Devyn Solomon has been transferred to the card front with the inscription *Epsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* printed just below it.

If you are interested in purchasing the note cards, which are blank inside, please order by sets of 6 note cards and 6 envelopes at a cost of \$12.00. Below is a rough mock up of the card.

Cards will be available at the January meeting in limited quantities.



New Member Kelly Withers (2007) delivers Twin Girls!



Twins, Campbell Ayers (5 lbs - 18 1/2 inches) and Kailynn Marie (6 lbs, 1 oz. - 18 inches) born November 26, 2007.

Inducted in 2007, at the May Ceremony, Carson Assistant Principal Kelly Withers knew that she had an exciting year ahead. Perhaps she knew that she would be a mother soon, but the news of birthing twins was still a mystery.

Now, many months later, Kelly is the proud mom of two tiny little ones and the wife of a recently elected China Grove Town Alderman. Kelly's husband, Lee Withers is the son of Epsilon member Becky Withers who taught at China rove Elementary. The family, which includes son Carson Withers, resides in China Grove.

Scholarship News from Susan Waller:

The deadline for Scholarship applications has been extended to January 30, 2008. If you or someone you know is interested, but hesitant to apply, please reconsider. This money is of the chapter, for the chapter, by the chapter!

-Dates to Remember-



Next Meeting

Thursday

January 10 at

Rowan Public Library

Scholarship Applications due December 31, 2007

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Lillian Morgan - ESO L / Migrant Education



Election of the distinguished Nominations Committee will be held on January 10, 2008.

Please plan to attend for this important event.

All members are eligible for Committee service

Mission Statement

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**M i n u t e s o f M e e t i n g : O c t o b e r 2 5 ,
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Rowan Public Library-

President Gerrie Blackwelder opened the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance.

Betsy Rich presented an updated treasury report and Dr. Elaine Stiller was introduced as the chapter's new acting treasurer.

Order forms were distributed for those interested in purchasing new Delta Kappa Gamma name tags. These may be purchased with a traditional or magnetic backing for \$20.00. Profits from this sale will serve to support current and expanding international projects.

Joyce Simmons reported on several members not in attendance and distributed addresses so that cards and messages could be sent. It was noted that Alice Martin is our oldest member at 106 years old.

A message was shared from Joyce Davis who is finishing up her studies at UNC-Greensboro.

Scholarship applications are due December 31 for those members wishing to further

educations.

Gerrie Blackwelder reported that she had received, on behalf of Epsilon chapter, a certificate of progressive merit while attending the conference at Elon University. This certificate was in recognition of Epsilon's recent induction of new and diverse members who represent a cross section of women dedicated to education in our community.

Members were shown the Epsilon Chapter's web page and encouraged to explore it. Newsletters, minutes, photographs, and related items are uploaded regularly. All ladies who are comfortable in navigating this site are asked to contact Kristy Henry so that they can be removed from the mailing lists. The chapter could save an estimated \$500.00 per year in postage and paper if all members make this switch.

Adair Doran introduced the afternoon's speaker, Lina Drinkard, the newly appointed Teacher Cadet Director for Rowan County. She explained the purpose of the

program as one which exposes current high school students to the idea of becoming North Carolina educators of tomorrow while also receiving college credit.

The courses are currently being taught at North Rowan, Salisbury, and West Rowan high schools with the desire for future expansion.

The meeting was then adjourned until January 10, 2008.

Nominate a Peer!

The Nominations Committee 2008 will be named at our next meeting at Rowan Public Library on October 25, 2008. The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of officers to bring before the Epsilon body for induction in May. Please be present and encourage participation in this important and integral committee of individuals who insure continuity of programming. This committee is open for election among all members except those in office or those under consideration for offices.

