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DUES!!! DUES!!! DUES!!!!

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Please give your heartfelt thanks to our finance committee who met last week to discuss the dues for Epsilon Chapter of DKG. Edith Alcorn served as chairwoman of the committee, which included Suzanne Cox, Mary Frances Edens, Dot Luther, and Elaine Stiller. This group discussed the possibilities and choices that are open to us with the steep rise in the international/national dues. After reaching a consensus, they notified me of the following: *Dues for active members will rise to \$70 a year, and dues for reserved members will increase to \$35 a year.* I know this is a huge jump for our active members and wish there was a way to get around it, but after looking at our finances and what we must have as an organization, this is the best we can do. The national dues doubled this year from \$20 to \$40 and the state dues are \$15 plus \$1 for scholarship. Everyone across the state is dismayed at the large increase with national dues and we have tried our best to keep the increase we have to charge you to a minimum. I hope all of you will still believe that the benefits of belonging to this dynamic group of women educators is worth the price increase. We will continue to strive to bring you informative and interesting programs each quarter and provide you with a chance to network with outstanding educators in Rowan County. I always leave each meeting we have enthused about what I do and impressed with the abilities and achievements of the women present. In fact, there are times when I look out into the audience and feel intimidated by the women I see before me. You are an impressive bunch. So, remember how good it feels to see old friends and make new ones each time we get together and decide that it is worth your membership. Delta Kappa Gamma is truly an outstanding organization that has as its goal, the betterment and success of women educators and the furtherance of education for everyone. This is something we can all be proud to be a part of and want to continue.

Adair Doran, 2008-09 Epsilon president

Member News!!! Member News!!!

At our last meeting, I had our members give us an update on themselves and their family. Since it is hard to talk to everyone at our meetings, I thought it would be nice to share some of our good news. If you don't see yourself in this newsletter, then you can look for your update in a future edition. If you didn't get a chance to share news with us, please feel free to call me or drop a note to me with your news. We will also ask for

more information at our next meeting which is October , 2008 at the Rowan Public Library. Refreshments start at 3:30, the business part of the meeting begins at 4:00.

Judy Hoffman writes that a grandson, Jacob Michael Knight was born March 18, 2008 and that she has retired again.

Donna Wiseman is now working part-time as Family Service Coordinator at North Rowan Elementary with Communities in Schools and loves it. Her first grandchild,

William Robert Beecham (Will) was adopted by her daughter and husband and is six months old.

Carolyn Myers just completed her recertification for Tutor Training Pro Literacy America for Rowan County Literacy Council.

Barbara Moose helped deliver three puppies for her Shih Tzu Collie – two girls and one boy!

Catherine Hall is anticipating a great trip to Pine Island, near Punta Gorda, Florida where her granddaughter, Elizabeth, will marry a “fine young man,” Chris, in November.

Miriam Wilfong’s son, David, graduated with honors from West Rowan High School in June and was also listed on the National Honor Roll for the 2007-2008 school year.

Betty Morgan’s granddaughter graduated from UNC-Charlotte this spring and Betty has experienced two great trips recently. She went to Holland, Michigan and the Ohio Amish country in May, and traveled to Savannah in August.

Bonita Bloodworth retired from RSS in January and is currently working as an Assistant Professor at Catawba College in the teacher education program.

Lovetta Ealy Moore is the current president of the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Society, Inc. and had the honor of attending their 100th year celebration in Washington, DC this summer. She said it was fantastic!! Her oldest daughter, Sh’Myra, is beginning her second year at Drake University School of Law in Des Moines, Iowa, and her baby, Sh’Rae completed the requirements for her master’s degree in Social Work at UNC-Charlotte in May.

Irene McCann had a great time on a week-long trip to Myrtle Beach with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter.

Sharon Deal pointed out that somehow her granddaughter is now a middle-schooler! Sharon has made a quilt for each of her four

grandchildren and just finished the last one. She says her retirement days are filled with quilting, playing golf, water aerobics at the Y, reading, and going to Beach Mountain with family and friends. A good life!

Our last bit of news comes from a member who had so many great things going on that she didn’t have room to put it on the sheet provided. She sent me a separate letter. I hope more of you will want to do that.

Dorothy H. Smith’s granddaughter, Sara Beaver, graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in May as a Distinguished Honors Scholar, and is working on her masters degree in biology at the University of Wyoming in Lorraine. She has an assistantship there where she does some teaching. A grandson, Matthew Smith, also graduated from LR with honors and is working this year with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. He is assigned to a medical clinic where most of the clients speak Spanish. Dot is very proud of all of her grandchildren.

Thanks to all of you for our updates. It has been great reading about all that is going on in our lives and I hope to include more in the next newsletter.

Next meeting: Thursday, Oct.30, 2008

Presenter: Cyndi Osterhus, Catawba College
Teacher Academy and West Scholars

Hostesses:

Greeters:

Attendance:

DUES: \$70 – active

\$35 – reserved

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