

ALPHA OMEGA HAPPENINGS  
ETA STATE, NORTH CAROLINA  
BEAUFORT AND HYDE COUNTIES



Notes from Dava

Dava Jarman  
1st Vice President

Welcome Fall, even though we are enjoying summer temperatures! At the summer workshop on August 3rd, Tobey Worthington, our regional director encouraged our chapter to follow President Connie Savell's theme: Let's SPARKLE!

Encourage **S**AVVY leadership

Inspire **P**ASSIONATE, meaningful programs and projects

Analyze and **A**RTICULATE current educational issues

Further **R**ESPECT for diversity in membership

Promote **K**NOWLEDGE through lifelong learning

Establish and **L**AUNCH a member wellness initiative

Advocate **E**XCELLENCE in education

At the present time the chapter is concentrating on strengthening our membership. Each member should have received a letter from June Zurface asking for feedback about attendance. We need your response to better plan a new direction for Alpha Omega!

On a sadder note, Mildred Lee, a member since 1974, passed away September 9, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, Betsy Hodges, also an Alpha Omega sister.

I look forward to seeing you at the October 5th meeting in Belhaven. Phone a friend and carpool.

Dava

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Alpha Omega Chapter  
Beaufort and Hyde  
Counties  
August 3, 2017  
Hostess Group  
The Board  
St. Peter's All Souls'  
Parish Hall  
Washington, NC

The August 3, 2017 meeting of Alpha Omega was called to order at 6:00 p. m. by 1st Vice President Dava Jarman. She introduced Tobey Worthington, Region I Director, our guest speaker for the meeting. Dianne Wingate presented the invocation, "Faith" from Chicken Soup for the Soul. The scholarship committee placed notecards on each table for members to suggest ideas for the scholarship raffle. School supplies and money were collected for Hyde County's new teachers.

Barbara Jones circulated birthday cards for Sallie Mann, Mildred Lee, Helen Bonner, and Mary Alice Chapin.

Becky McRoy presented a change to Article VII, Section C of the bylaws. There were not enough members present for a quorum to vote on the change. The change will be revisited at the next regular business meeting.

A discussion was held concerning changing times for the October and December meetings. After much discussion, the members decided to leave the times as it currently stands.

June Zurface read a letter to the membership about attendance issues. It was to be sent by mail and returned to June by a deadline. It was suggested a postcard be included in the letter. This idea was put on hold until the survey letter could be written. June told that Dee Woodward requested a move from active to reserve member. She presented a name for membership. Since there was not a quorum present these items were tabled.

Barbara Jones presented the financial report. The annual report has to be submitted. An audit of the books has been completed. The financial records balance.

Checking \$ 802.75  
Savings \$ 724.12  
Scholarship \$1810.65

Dava Jarman mentioned a listing of Alpha Omega's summary for the year. Copies were on each table for members to review.

Region I Director Tobey Worthington brought greetings from our new state president, Connie Savell. Her theme is "Let's Sparkle". The goals for the biennium are:

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Tobey then presented ideas to increase attendance at meetings.

1) Do a survey—call people that do not respond—Give justification to decisions

2) Vary meeting times—members are either going to come at the times or not

3) Give a job to someone at the meeting that doesn't regularly attend

4) Text to remind members of the meeting, send a Facebook invite

5) Phone tree and snail mail invites

6) The person that nominated a member should call her and remind her about the meeting

7) Be positive, make the member feel missed

8) Send a snippet of the meeting to member that was not in attendance. NOT the full minutes

Tobey also suggested ways to attract new members; be positive, help with dues, and make the visitor comfortable at meetings. She suggested using the website DKG.org for project and program ideas. Another idea was to use local people for uplifting, motivational programs. Fund raising ideas included 50/50 drawings, silent auction, and a bazaar before Christmas. Her major point for increased attendance and

membership was Be Positive, Be a Buddy, Be Kind and Respectful.

In new business, June Zurface presented a name for membership. The possible new member will be contacted by June. June will call about an orientation meeting. The new member will be inducted at the October meeting with the other new members.

Dava Jarman reminded members of the new teacher breakfast August 15. The breakfast will be held at the Ed Tech Center at 8 am.

Katherine Holt distributed new handbooks to members needing them.

Health and Happiness: Dr. Renee Douglas is at Vidant Greenville for 4-6 weeks for chemotherapy. Her address is West 303, 2300 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC.

At our October meeting we will initiate three new members. The executive board will discuss and decide an appropriate time for the memorial service for Sally Talley.

Scholarship collected \$67 from ticket sales. Winners were Pat Lurvey, June Arnold, Barba-

ra Jones, and Margaret Ann Woolard.

Handbook winners were Linda Beddard and Katherine Holt. Name tag winners were Dianne Wingate and Pam Hodges.

Dava Jarman presented Tobey Worthington a thank you gift basket with items from Washington, NC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Wingate  
Acting Secretary

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD** **MEETING**

Highlights

Three new sisters initiated at the October meeting

Check with June Zurface to make sure she has all the supplies she needs for initiation

Give Barbara Jones permission to order candlesticks for initiation and other supplies if needed

Meeting at Fish Hooks—\$19—make checks out to Fish Hooks

Breakfast for new teachers went well

Gaye Mann has re-

signed

Renee Douglas and Jackie Monroe have requested to be moved to reserve status—will vote in October

Status of Carolyn Harding?

DPAC tickets for Little Mermaid—discuss further at October meeting

Phyllis Ballance—eight new Hyde County teachers received supplies from Alpha Omega

Board decided to do a quorum rule change by email.

### **HEALTH AND** **HAPPINESS**

Renee Douglas goes back to the hospital on October 3 for more chemo.

Mildred Lee, mother of sister Betsy Hodges, passed away. Prayers for the family.

Leslie Thomas has a shoulder injury.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ALPHA OMEGA**

December 7, 2017  
Bath Christian Church  
Bath Hostess Group

**ETA STATE  
CONVENTION**

April 27-29, 2018  
Hilton Charlotte  
University Place  
Charlotte, NC

**REGIONAL**

Southeast Regional  
Convention  
June 27-29, 2019  
Crowne Plaza Tennis  
And Golf Resort  
Asheville, NC

**INTERNATIONAL**

DKG International  
Convention  
July 16-20, 2018  
J. W. Marriott  
Austin, TX

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