

CONGRATULATIONS

Eight Unit 5 women educators and a school board member were initiated into membership in Beta Chapter of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* on May 4, 2006

Mary Beth Ahillen, Principal, Parkside Junior High. M.A. in Curriculum/Instruction (95) and is working on her Doctorate at the University of Illinois. She has presented to ISU principal candidates, works with local churches on providing tutoring for students, and with local organizations providing assistance to minority students and families related to education. Mary Beth has been a professional educator for 26 years.

Kathryn Albritton, Third grade teacher, Fairview. B.S. in Elementary Education ('01) and is working toward a Master's degree. She helped coordinate a school wide 'Dr. Seuss and Careers' project which was recognized as an ISU Connections Project. She is a Gifted Coordinator at Fairview and has taught several professional development classes. Kathryn has been a professional educator for 4 ½ years.

Shelley L. Arnold, Special education teacher, Pepper Ridge. B.S. in Special Education and a M.S. in English. She is a member of a special education task force committee to decide which tests to use for reading and writing. She has been a Sunday School teacher at her church. Shelley has been a professional educator for 10 years.

Marlys Bennington, Principal, Oakdale. Received a Master's ('99) in Administration/Special Education. She serves on several district level administrative committees and has taught a professional development course on spelling. She participated in a Bible School Outreach program serving 3-14-year olds at the Orlando Apartments for three summers. She is an active member of Eastview Christian Church. Marlys has been a professional educator for 16 years.

Linda Chizmar, Director of Instructional Support Programs. B.S. in Elementary Education and M.S. in Reading Education and has administrative certification. She is responsible for supervising and writing grants for programs: Title I Reading, Early Childhood Pre-K At-Risk, ESL/Bilingual and K-12 language arts/reading program and curriculum; and is responsible for professional development for teachers in those areas. She also directs and develops the district's summer school programs. Linda has been a professional educator for 33 years.

Barbara K. Diemer, Speech/language pathologist, Sugar Creek. M.S. in speech pathology from ISU. Previously she taught in Heyworth '70-78; and in Chenoa '78-01. She is a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, and Central Illinois Speech-Language and Hearing Association. She is a member and substitute Sunday school teacher at Wesley Methodist Church. Barbara has been a professional educator for 35 years.

Barbara Fisher, Fifth grade teacher, Grove. Masters in LD/BD, ISU ('93). She was a classroom and special education teacher at Oakdale, presented workshops to ISU student teachers, was a mentor to first year teachers and a member of the CARES team. She serves on the School Improvement team at Grove. She is active in the Downs United Methodist Church. In '03 and '05 she participated in the St. Jude Run. Barbara has been a professional educator for 21 years.

Holly Tindall, IMC Specialist, Northpoint. Master's in Education ('93). She has been a presenter for MID-State Reading Council and Professional Development classes and was named Teacher of the Year at the Bloomington Wal-Mart. She has served on committees: Science Textbook adoption, Social Studies, Gifted Task Force, and IMC Curriculum. She volunteers at Second Presbyterian Church. Holly has been a professional educator for 17 years.

Meta Mickens-Baker, *Honorary Member*. A Manager of Human Resources, State Farm Insurance Companies. B.S. in Biochemistry ('85). She taught in Orange County, VA where she was named a Master Teacher in Science. Meta was recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America, '88 and '97. She has been involved in many local diversity projects, is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and in Crosswinds Community Church where she is a Sunday School teacher. Meta has served on the Board of Education for 2 years.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

The Mission of ***The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*** is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

The Society has seven basic purposes:

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators of other countries.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Other members of Beta Chapter who are affiliated with Unit 5 include....

Patti Anderson	Debra Foster	Mary Katschke	Pamela Rightsel
Julia Basting	Vicki Freeman	Sharon Lawlis	Carol Ropp
Diana Behnke	Barbara Glover	JoAnne Linton	Maxie Scifres
Michele Bell	Dawn Green	Gina Lockenvitz	Sandra Slingsby
Cathy Bissoondial	Cathy Greene	Donna Lutkehaus	Mary Watterson
Gail Ann Briggs (H)	Susan Gruel-Peterson	Vickie Mahrt	Mary Weinstein
Libby Burns	Jennifer Hamilton	Marjorie Mehlberg	Sara Williams
Susan Cantrell	Jan Hood (H)	Bobbie Monroe	Ruth Wieting
Jane Collins	Sandra Houston	Betty Nave	Otilie Womack
Karna Croft	Gwen Jaynes	Alberta Newman	
Sandra Dickson	Joan Kalbacken	Suzy Perkins	