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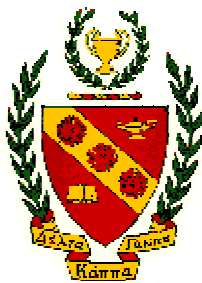
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A Message From Our President

Our January meeting was a great way to start the New Year. It was wonderful seeing everyone. I want to thank **Jo Monday** and her hostess committee for the wonderful decorations and food.

Red Roses go to **Carla Smith** for presenting our January program “Assistive Technology”. **Carla** presented information regarding the challenges/rewards of working with nonverbal students. She showed us different strategies that involve technology that are beneficial to the students.

I am very excited to have our February meeting back at the Ridgemont Early Learning Center. I cannot wait to see how the center has been doing since our last visit. *Ella Gauthier*, our Area III Coordinator, will be attending our February meeting at Ridgemont.

See you on February 12th!

Annette



If you missed the January meeting, you missed hearing **Carla Smith’s** presentation on “Assistive Technology.” The information **Carla** gave us comes from her experiences with home bound students. She showed many new technological innovations that she uses with these students. Excellent program.


FEBRUARY MEETING
Date: February 12, 2011
Time: 09:30—12:00
Place: Ridgemont Center
Map is on page 3



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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MONEY MATTERS

January has flown by, and plans have been made for our February meeting at the **RIDGEMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**, our local service project for the last year. You are welcome to bring items for the center (see a list of suggested items elsewhere in the newsletter.) It will be great to see the improvements since our last visit in February, 2010 and to present a check from Beta Eta. **Red Roses** to all of you who have made monetary contributions or brought suggested items to our meetings. Beta Eta's own **Mariette Bellamy** has played a vital part in the creation of this center.

Beginning in March, members will be encouraged to make monetary donations, bring school supplies, or other necessities for **CASA TATIC**. **Kathy Doyle** presented a program in November which described this school for street children in Mexico. She (perhaps **Jean Warner**, too) will personally deliver our donations received at the March, April and/or May meetings this summer. Beta Eta is reaching out beyond our Texas and United States borders with this service project to make a difference in the lives of school children.

Do you have a potential new member for Beta Eta? Be sure and bring an outstanding woman educator to this meeting. Initiation is planned for March, and the chapter will vote at the February meeting to accept potential new members.

Hope to see you on the 12th at the **RIDGEMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER!**

Ellen Laughlin
Treasurer

As you know, **Barbara Johnson**, has been training for this...She says: "I ran the Aramco Half Marathon (13.1 miles) today, and it was just awesome. The weather cooperated (just a few periods of rain), and I finished in 2 hours 17 minutes. I would do it again an a heartbeat. Everything was super organized and first class!! Can't wait to run the Galveston Half in February." We are proud of you, Barbara!!!



PROGRAM NEWS

Red Roses to **Carla Smith** for providing us with an excellent program on "Assistive Technology" at our January meeting. Many positive comments were received, and we sure appreciate the time and effort you put into this presentation, **Carla**.

Our February meeting will be held at the Ridgemont Early Learning Center. Won't it be great to learn how the various programs have progressed and to see the impact the Center has had on the community it serves. Thanks to **Mariette Bellamy** and her staff for hosting us for the second year in a row.

Remember, Ladies, you are encouraged to bring books, puzzles, and/or manipulatives developmentally appropriate for children up to 6 years of age. I am sure **Ellen** will be delighted to accept any monetary donations made to Ridgemont, also. See you Saturday, February 12th, at Ridgemont!

Barbara Johnson
First Vice-President

FYI



I have been in contact with the Houston Racquet Club about our Founders' Day Banquet. The club is booked on May 7th and on May 14th. There is a GHACC meeting scheduled. I have talked to the Executive Board, and we have changed the Founders' Day Banquet to Saturday, April 30th.

Annette Taylor

Founders' Day Banquet
April 30, 2011
Houston Racquet Club

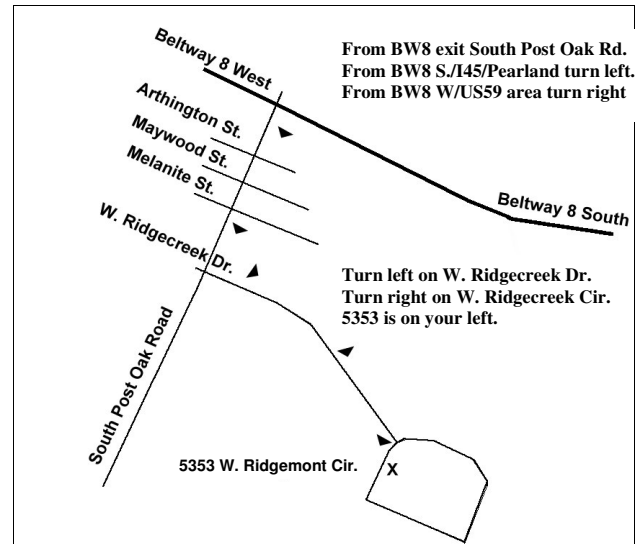
New email address for Marilyn Speer:
Marilyn.speer@hccs.edu

Ellen Laughlin has been at home this week because she has not been feeling "up to par."

Let's Celebrate Birthdays



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| 07 | Rosemarie Roesler |
| 11 | Sandra Sandoval |
| 14 | Betty Jo Watts |
| 29 | Louise Sawyer |



February Hostesses

Leslie Lester, Chairman

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| Mariette Bellamy | Virginia Jones |
| Norma Plaisance | Louise Sawyer |
| Gloria Goolsby | Denise Pineault |
| Phyllis McCulloch | Martha McCulloch |



MOCK MILLIONAIRES

Mini pretzels, Rolo candy, Pecan halves

Preheat oven to 250. Line cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Place mini pretzels on the cookie sheet. Place Rolo candy on each pretzel. Bake for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from oven and push/smash a pecan half on each Rolo candy. Place in refrigerator for 10 minutes or more. Ready to eat! Enjoy!!

Linda Andersen

THIS AND THAT

Barbara Johnson is a grandmother again. Erik and Tara Johnson had a boy who weighted in at almost 8 lbs. and is 20 inches long. His name is Max Stafford, and he is adorable!!

Hazel Godhelp is in Denver with daughter, Carol, while undergoing some medical treatments on her leg. Her address there is: Hazel Godhelp; 7166 W. Custer Ave, #C222, Lakewood, CO 80226-2786. She would love to hear from you.

Diane McLaughlan had a visitor with her in January. We enjoyed meeting Yolanda Lewis and hope she returns soon.

On page 2 of the *DKG News* did you read the story Dr. Souders wrote about beyond *Jack's Creek*? The story was a favorite one told by her father.

Virginia Collins was injured in an automobile accident on December 27, 2010. She says she is recovering, but much slower than she would like. Let's hope for a speedy recovery.

I had a long telephone visit with **Barbara June Allen** recently. She says she is feeling good, but the doctors do not want her out with people because her immune system is so low. She goes weekly for blood work and to see the doctor.

For all of you who are librarians, or certainly you know some of them, have you heard the quote from Monty Python? He said, "*I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.*"