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Letter from the President

We're coming to the end of the summer (not literally, but school-wise!), and I would like to hear from you all if you took my challenge. Did I inspire you to tackle a long-overlooked project? I hope so! As I said in last May's letter, we all have so many talents, and I have decided that I should personally strive to use them as I can. I plan to stay off that "Someday Isle" and try not to get shipwrecked again. I shall do this by continuing to get unfinished projects out of my storage closet and into the completed category! Here is my completed quilt I told you about last year.



Send pictures and stories to Brenda Lozano so we can all share in your successes. Now I have to figure out my next project as I am determined never to be shipwrecked again!

We will be needing your talents and resources over the coming year, as well. We have added a new feature to this year's September 28th Garage Sale. We will be conducting a Bake Sale on the same day. Your chapter needs your help not only with items for the Garage Sale, but also with homemade items for the Bake Sale. This is an experiment to see how well a Lambda Alpha Bake Sale does. It will be so easy...just bake and donate two items that add up to approximately \$25 worth of sales, such as two cakes, or two pies, or one of each, or twenty-five packets of cookies for a dollar each, that's just over four dozen!. OR, if baking is not your thing, you may donate your \$25 in the form of cash, or consider making your donation as a donation of time...your DKG sister buys the cake mixes and you do the baking! If we all pull together, and everyone is responsible for their \$25 of sales, we will have raised over \$1000, in addition to what we sell at the Garage Sale. Maybe it's wishful thinking, but I would love to see us raise enough in the Bake Sale to retire the need for doing an exhausting Garage Sale every Fall!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Salad Luncheon on the 24th at 11:30 at Karen Harrell's house Bayou Shadows #10!

*Sincerely,
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Margaret Rankin



Spotlight this month is on Margaret Rankin, Lambda Alpha's Virginia Johnson Award winner for 2012-2013. Working behind the scenes, Margaret has been our go-to-for-goodies-member for years, always seeing to it that we had plenty of refreshments, beautiful table decorations, and anything else that was needed at our meetings and banquets to make us comfortable.

Born in Daisetta, TX, Margaret is the youngest of five children who grew up in Livingston, TX, where she graduated from high school. She went on to get her Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin and her Master's Degree from the University of Houston.

Margaret has a life beyond Lambda Alpha, believe it or not! She has been a member of the South Main Baptist Church for years, doing for them what she does for us: refreshments, decorations, and taking care of comfort necessities. She has a regular schedule of attending and helping with Bible studies, Apartment Ministries, and Senior Game Days and Retreats.

Her impressive education and life experiences include teaching and/or living in Pasadena, TX, the Philippines, Venezuela, Nigeria, England, Pearland, TX, and Spring Branch. After spending 41 years teaching science, Texas History, English and math, she retired in 2002.

She is currently an active member in the Northwest Harris County Retired Teachers' Association, the Memorial Middle School Retired Teachers' monthly gatherings, and two groups that get together monthly to celebrate birthdays. In her "spare" time, she crochets. If Margaret is aware of an impending birth, she gets busy and crochets. She has crocheted thousands of blankets for lucky babies. She also dearly loves to collect her favorites, which include hedgehogs, Christmas trees of every size and style, and, once upon a time, Beanie Babies. These are all wonderful, extensive collections. She is also a fabulous baker and most often shares these baked goods.

If you need Margaret, make an appointment! This is one busy lady! It's no wonder she was chosen for last year's award!



Important Dates:

August 24 - 11:30 am Salad Luncheon, Karen Harrell's
August 28 - 1:00 pm Make Pumpkins, Martha Lynn Lewis'
September 26 - 4:00 pm Pre-Garage Sale Meeting, St. Christopher's Church
September 28 - 8:00 am to 12:00pm Garage Sale, St. Christopher's Church
October 21 - 4:00 pm Meeting, Rummel Creek Elem. Library
December 7 - 11:30 am Christmas Luncheon The Junior League
February 1 - 4:00 pm Tamales Meeting, St. Christopher's Church Kitchen
April 1 - 4:00 pm Meeting, Rummel Creek Elem. Library
May 6 - Founders' Day Banquet, Pappadeaux Time TBA



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May Meeting Summary:

Welcome: Leigh LaVergne
Founders' Day Celebration-Clara Reimers
Invocation – Tobey Unrath
Dinner – Pappadeaux
Announcements:
 Garage Sale – Sue Thompson
 Bake Sale- Martha Lynn Lewis
 Newsletters – Cathey Jones
Scholarships – Kathy Gardner
Virginia Johnson Award – Mary Endress
Door Prizes – Clara Reimers
Closing – Leigh LaVergne

Announcements:

Looking for volunteers to be hostesses on Friday evening October 24th at the Houston Racquet Club

Recipe from Martha Lynn Lewis

Jiffy Toffee Cookies

2 jiffy yellow cake mixes
1 egg (beaten with fork)
¾ Cup oil (or less)
8 oz. bag Heath Chips
Combine & Mix Well
Bake 9-12 minutes at 350°
Cool 1 min. on cookie sheet and
Remove to Rack

Butter Pecan Cookies

1 box of Butter Pecan cake mix
2 eggs (beaten with fork)
½ Cup oil
Stir Well.
Drop spoonful and Put a Pecan on Top
Bake 10-12 minutes at 350°