

Shannon and Louise at Chi State Convention

We are still “coming down” from the hype of our enjoyable weekend at the Chi State Convention in “beautiful, downtown Burbank.” (For those of you too young to remember, that expression was made famous by Johnny Carson.) The theme was “Celebrating the Bounty of Excellence,” and what a *bounty* it was!

We were **wowed** by the keynote speakers. Maureen Clemons explained her interesting theories that the ancient Egyptians may have moved obelisks and heavy stones using the power of wind and kites. Julie Aiger Clark, the “brains” behind Baby Einstein, gave concrete ideas on “Raising a Business.” The final speaker, Barbara Brodowsky, taught us “How to Live Life Wearing Rose Colored Glasses.” Her heart-warming story had us laughing and crying. She encouraged us to take care of ourselves.

We were **inspired** by the Distinguished Service Award recipients: Dr. Dolly Price (posthumously) for Service to Chi State, Dr. Michelle Herczog for Career/Professional Service, and Bridget Ready, for Public Service. Hearing what these 3 women have accomplished made us feel very humbled…and out of breath!

We **cried** at the Celebration of Life as we honored the many sisters who had died during the past year. A very moving tribute to past Chi State president, Dr. Dolly Price was given by her friend and long-time colleague, Marilyn Stalder-Burke. We stood to honor Dr. Dorothy Fornia and Pat Parish.

We were **honored** to be the only chapter in Area XII to receive the Order of the Rose Award for having 5 or more new members initiated. (We had 7!) Go Eta!!!

We **voted** to increase Chi State dues by $5/year and to change the committee structure. Starting with 2013-2014, active membership dues and fees will now be $95, and reserve membership will be $59. The committee structure will be reviewed next year.

We were **thrilled** that the conference was attended by **15 Eta members**. It was exciting to have an opportunity to share this experience together. We were able to realize the “bounty of excellence” that we have in our chapter, a bounty of inspiring, intuitive, intelligent, enjoyable women who share a desire to “Cultivate the Vision, Nurture the Promise, and Share the Future.”

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of our first year as co-presidents. We are learning as we go and should have it down pat by the end of our biennium. We feel that it has been a positive year with excellent programs, a working website, and the formation of our SAP plan. We thank our wonderful board and committee members for their hard work and support. We look forward to new possibilities and a new journey next year. We hope to see you at the June Tea on June 1st at 11:30 at Alida’s house.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Louise and Shannon

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Presidents’ Message-Celebrating Our Bounty

# Eta Chapter Area XII Chi State

**Mark Your Calendar**

South West Regional

Conference

July 17-20 in

Branson, MO

Congratulations to Paloma K for her election as a NEA Representative in Atlanta, Georgia in July.

Our congrats to Julie D—the new Chi State 1st VP.

Cathy L and family welcomed a new member--Lewis.

**Member Announcements**

**Chapter Meetings for 2012-2013**

Saturday, June 1st, 11:30 AM

Alida’s Home-June Tea

**Chapter meetings for 2013-2014**

We are happy to return to the Westminster Meeting Hall on September 21st at 9:00 AM for our first meeting of the year.

**Member Celebrations**

Happy April Birthday to

*Masumi H (2), Lucy W (8), Linda M (11), Hjordis L (15), Barbara B (19), Shannon R (26), Sheila H (27)*

Happy May Birthday to

*Barbara Y (7), Adele B (17), Terri Y (17), Joan W (22), Lisa T (28)*

Happy June Birthday to

*Kathleen E (5), Kris D (10), Karen H (20), Joan H (27), Nancy H (28), Mary C (30)*