

## Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary



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As our 2008-2010 chapter executives begin their biennium, the Executive Board's biennium 2007-2009 is ending. My commitment to the Board began in 2005 and so my

report will be an overlapping one as I try to include both bienniums as its Corresponding Secretary.

Writing this report covering the correspondence sent and received is one of the obligations of the secretary and I have chosen to summarize in categories.

1) Letters of appreciation to HOST chapters within our province, to International guest speakers, to our own members who have performed special tasks within the International sphere of the Society and to those who do the same within the province, tasks which have been appreciated and praised by so many members.

2) Congratulatory cards to those members attaining well deserved positions within the society as well as those achieving personal goals and receiving accolades both locally and abroad and to chapter anniversary celebrations throughout the years.

3) Notes of welcome to new members of various chapters and to World Fellowship recipients.

4) Messages of concern and caring for those recovering from personal health setbacks.

5) Notes of condolences to members and chapters grieving the loss of loved ones.

6) Cards and notes to let those who are no longer able to attend chapter or state provincial meetings know we are thinking of them, and Beta State members care..

Choosing and sending the cards throughout the bienniums has been a very satisfying and rewarding activity. Those received in response to those sent are very special and appreciated.

Update:

In February Beta State was saddened by the death of Willie Duffus of Omicron chapter. She was our State President of Beta State during the biennium 1991-93, highly regarded and "so much fun". Cards were sent to Omicron and members of Willie's family.

In March one of Beta State's founding members, Alpha chapter's Annabell McNaughton died at her home in Lancaster. Never to be forgotten for her shared vision, her dedication and her friendship. Her interest in Beta State province and her own chapter throughout the years continued.

A memorial donation to the State Scholarship Fund has been made as an acknowledgement of sympathy to the bereaved family members of both a Beta State President, Willie Duffus and a Beta State Founder, Annabell McNaughton. We will not forget others who have departed from us these past two bienniums: Sheila Parent of Alpha, Dorothy Downes of Delta, Peg Hamilton of Kappa, Deanna Lewis of Nu and Catherine Hodgson of Gamma. Each of the above has been celebrated and remembered for her friendship and presence in the lives of those of us who came to know her through our membership in Beta State.