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85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

From Our President

I love the way one of our members--Ruth Williamson-- usually signs off in her e-mails all year long: "Peace and Joy." These are small words but both are profound. Hate-filled speech, strife, division, and destruction seem to be all around us, so peace feels pretty far away most of the time. But I'm sure if each of us followed Ruth's example and daily wished peace for others, we would be moving in the right direction. In fact, we might do as Mother Teresa advised when asked how a single person could help bring world peace. "If we truly want peace in the world, she said, "let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy." (Santa Clara University, Architects of Peace Project, "Mother Teresa Reflects on Working Toward Peace," <http://www.scu.edu/ethics/architects-of-peace/Teresa/essay.html>)

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Joy seems just as elusive as peace sometimes, doesn't it? As adults we have so many commitments and projects to complete that experiencing joy is a rare emotion. Once I read that a good way to relive a "joyful" moment is to find a favorite photo of yourself experiencing joy, frame it, and place it where it can daily remind us of that time. One of my favorites is this one of me and my little brother. I was probably about five and he was three at the time. Obviously I am feeling more joy than he is, but I just look so happy in this photograph that I smile every time I see it. Maybe you can find a photo and relive one of your most joyful moments sometime during the holidays. Or just make some new ones!

Let's start off this holiday season of peace and joy together this Friday for our fun auction and time of fellowship. We will miss Brenda and being at her home for this event very much, but Sandra has worked hard to get things arranged for us at her

church in Reidsville. I am sure we are all going to have a great time there raising funds for our high school scholarship recipient. PLEASE plan to attend if you can.

Ruth, I hope you don't mind if I use your closing wish.

Peace and joy,
Debbie



Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2015

at

Main Street United Methodist Church

221 South Main Street

Reidsville, North Carolina

Social Time 5:30 PM

Meal 6:00 PM

Christmas Auction Following

December Meeting

Our Alpha Delta December meeting will be held on Friday, December 4th at Main Street United Methodist Church directly across the street from Newbridge Bank. We always look forward to our December meeting as it is a time of fun, delicious foods, and fellowship.

Members are reminded to bring items for our annual Christmas Auction. If you are not able to attend, you are encouraged to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

As you can see from the adjacent letter from our scholarship recipient, we are making a difference in helping young women achieve their life goals and dreams.

Our auction proceeds do make a difference!!

Treasurer's Report

STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION

Balance: October 2, 2015	\$8,205.15
INCOME	2,795.23
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$11,000.38
EXPENSES	11,000.38
BALANCE: END OF DAY NOV. 10, 2015	-0-

HOME TRUST BANK ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE: OCTOBER 8, 2015	\$5,000.00
INCOME	5,267.37
TOTAL AVAILABLE	10,267.37
EXPENSES	2,610.65
BALANCE DEC. 4, 2015	\$7,656.72
GRANT IN AID BALANCE HOME TRUST BANK	
11/10/15	\$3,174.23

See attachment for detailed Treasurer's Report.

From Our Scholarship Recipient Megan Abernathy

I am sorry it has taken me so long to get in touch with you. My old email that I had used to correspond with you with was deactivated after I graduated from high school and my dad had misplaced my scholarship information at our house.

I just wanted to update you and everyone on my college experience at UNC so far. I am a member of the UNC Marching Tar Heels, the Student Alumni Association, Carolina First, Achieve Scholars, and hopefully will be Resident Advisor and/or Orientation Leader. My classes have been so great and my professors are awesome. I am currently taking Latin, Astronomy, Astronomy Lab, Swim Conditioning, Perspectives in Theater, and Marching Band. I have my second semester planned out already but enrollment does not open until November.

I will update you all on that as well when possible. I just want to thank you all for picking me to receive a scholarship that made my college dream come true. I will continue to stay in touch and I do apologize again for this taking so long.

Thank you again.

Megan Abernathy



New Member Orientation
October 2, 2015
Prospect Hill Methodist Church
Yanceyville, NC



Welcome Carla Rierison and Megan Roberston

Eta State Convention 2016

“Create the Future: Imagine” will be the theme for the 2016 Eta State Convention to be held April 22-24, 2016 in Winston Salem.

Breakout session applications are now being accepted. The four strands for topics will be Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society. A proposal form is posted on the Eta State website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016/WorkshopForm.pdf> and should be submitted by January 25, 2016. For more information, contact Connie Phifer Savel at mcdpm59@gmail.com, (704-477-0450), or 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC

Convention Registration

Hotel registration for the Marriott is also on the website convention page at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>. Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast so register early. Note: It speeds the check-in process if you put both names on the registration. Also, there is a charge for parking in the city deck.

Committee Reports Due Feb. 1

Committee reports that are due from chapters to the state committee chairmen by February 1, 2016, are listed below. Reports can be printed from the International website so you can plan ahead.

Reports to submit will be:

- ~ President's Report
- ~ Necrology Annual Report
- ~ Communications and Publicity Annual Report
- ~ Educational Excellence/Program Committee Biennial Report
- ~ Finance Committee Biennial Report
- ~ Membership Committee Biennial Report
- ~ Scholarship Committee Biennial Report
- ~ World Fellowship Biennial Report.

Donation Challenge

for

State Headquarters

In the early days of Eta State, keeping up with reports and materials was a relatively simple task. Maintaining those materials at someone's home became unwieldy though, and one executive secretary added a room to her home for office and storage space.

Our need for a permanent facility has not diminished over time. Eta State Headquarters, centrally located in Asheboro, houses official documents for our state organization, provides a place for meetings of chapters and committees and provides limited lodging for members who are attending official business there.

Chapters are asked to support Headquarters with a \$2 donation per member. The donation helps meet basic expenses of maintaining Headquarters but does not cover all costs each year.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter in Asheboro has pledged \$3 per member and challenged other chapters to match it. This minimal donation goes a long way to meet Headquarters' budget and maintain our permanent facility.

Let's step up and support our Eta State Headquarter! Donations of at least \$2 by every chapter member are worth 30 points on the Chapter Achievement Award form! Send donations to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858 and denote Headquarters on the check.



Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Delta
Minutes, October 2, 2015

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met October 2, 2015 at Prospect United Methodist Church in Yanceyville. Hostesses were Susan Thompson, Chair; Martha Davis, Vanessa Richmond Graves, and Patsy Snyder. Thirty members attended. The Initiation Committee chaired by Pam Page arranged the initiation ceremony in the church sanctuary. The two new members inducted were Carla Rierson and Megan Robertson.

The program for the evening consisted of the chapter committees organizing their plans for the year ahead.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughan reported a balance of \$8205.15 in the treasury, with \$3169.79 for the Grant in Aid. Based on information provided by the treasurer, Carol Holcomb made the motion for Vaughan to investigate moving Alpha Delta treasury funds to Home Trust Bank; and to proceed with the transfer if she is satisfied with their terms. Nell Rose seconded the motion.

Second Vice-President Catherine Massengale distributed new handbook inserts. President Russell encouraged members to attend the state convention. She is serving on the Eta State Awards Committee. President Russell reported that Region VII's educational foundation will make grants to teachers.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Carol Holcomb submitted the 2015-2016 proposed budget and moved that it be accepted. Susan Thompson seconded the motion.

Communications: Page McCargo announced the Alpha Delta website URL. She encouraged members who have received awards to report the details to her. McCargo is also serving on the state committee for the Eta website.

Social: Sandra Dickens thanked the hostesses and chapter members who arranged the church location for the meeting.

Leadership Development: Susan Thompson presented \$10 gift cards to members who are currently in the classroom. She encouraged volunteerism and has provided a simplified point system for reporting the results in May. Also the Alpha Delta summer Book Club attendees donated items for Morehead Nursing Home bingo prizes.

Membership: President Russell presented gift bags to the two new members. She also recognized members with chapter anniversaries of 10 and 20 years with cards and candy. Russell announced the resignation of member Allison Wright.

Beginning Teacher Support: There was recognition for the success of the Alpha Delta mini grants given to beginning teachers in the local schools.

Nominations: Paige McCargo reminded the members that spring brings with it the nomination for new chapter officers.

New Business: Debbie Russell and Vanessa Richmond Graves plan to attend the Region VII event Women in Print on Saturday, October 3.

Rachel Scott and Vanessa Richmond Graves presented President Russell with a gift to recognize the superior job she is doing as chapter president.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Jeryl Rice

NC Eta State President Sheila Groves

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Something to think about...

Member recruitment and retention are responsibilities we all share - something to be aware of year round, not just when the membership chairman asks for recommendations. So, dust off your Elevator Speech and be ready to share information when a teachable moment occurs. Share your pride in the work of DKG with other members and non-members. Enthusiastic, well-informed individuals project a positive image. Your positive voice can...

- ~ build relationships and make connections
- ~ communicate opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and professional development available through the Society
- ~ generate enthusiasm for DKG programs and projects
- ~ motivate others to join with you to make a difference in education.

***Are you
a positive voice for
Delta Kappa Gamma?***

October 15, 2015

Something to think about...

How exciting it is to see NC DKG making wise investments for the future! Chapters are growing young members, keeping the Society strong, relevant, and forward moving. A blend of generations creates an inviting environment, attracting and retaining educators of all age who want to make a difference. Young members are finding DKG offers opportunities to meet like-minded women, make friends, advance their careers, and develop as leaders in their schools and communities. Seasoned members contribute and grow as mentors collaborators, and advisers nurturing young educators in a positive setting, keeping meaningful traditions and our Society Purposes alive. Delta Kappa Gamma can grow the future, preparing young women to be successful educators and leaders. Look for those rising stars in your chapter. Encourage them, acknowledge their contributions, and grow them in the nurturing environment of DKG.

Who are the Rising Stars in your Chapter?

November 15, 2015

Fall Gallery of Fine Arts Opens

The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts for Fall 2015 showcases submissions from around the world, including some from Eta State members.

Go to <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-gallery-fine-art-0> to view the creative efforts of all the

selected members.

The next submission period is from January 1 - February 1, 2016.



Get Well Wishes to our **Rachel Scott** who is sporting a nice silver walking boot after fracturing her ankle and to **Mary Hux** who fell and broke her hip.

Happy Birthday

December

Carla Rierson - 6

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Karen Wakelee - 27

January

Jennifer Jones - 5

Debbie Russell - 7

Martha Davis - 10

Deborah Crumpton - 22

Lynne Haynes - 27

February

Vanessa Richmond-Graves - 6

Hilda Purgason - 24

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



A leader's number one goal is to develop future leaders, not followers.

Happy Holidays from Leroy the Leadership Guy

Convention Dates

April 22-24, 2016 - Eta State Convention, Winston Salem, NC (Region IX)

July 5-9, 2016 DKG International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

April 28-30, 2017 - Eta State Convention,
Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

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www.dkg.org

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www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

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