



Forty one members of Eta State NC attended the International Convention for one or more days. The Gaylord Opryland is a fun venue for convention gatherings!

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## DKG Convention Celebrates a Strong Past and Vibrant Future

Nearly 2,000 members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International from 17 countries met in Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-9, 2016.

The five-day event included keynote speaker Mike Figliuolo, founder, and CEO of *thoughtLEADERS* and author of several books on leadership. Figliuolo offered DKG members effective steps in *Leading the Thinking: Setting Direction and Driving Action for Your Team*. He later held a special session for state organization presidents.

Other DKG convention speakers included classical violinist turned innovative composer, Kai Kight, who inspired attendees to

compose unique ideas in a world that celebrates conformity; well-known children's book author, Judith Viorst, who gave the members her "Life Lessons from Under Eight Till Over Eighty: What we've learned or need to learn to help us develop and grow over the decades;" and Chief Transformation Officer of Girl Scouts USA, Natalye Paquin, who celebrated the DKG – Girl Scouts collaboration. Two North Carolina chapters, Alpha Psi and Alpha Nu, are working with Scout troops in their area to earn the DKG Scout Badge. Scouts from the Nashville area escorted the flag bearers out of the convention hall at the end of the final general session.

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President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid awards the International Achievement Award to Cathy Daugherty

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President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid passed the gavel to Carolyn Pittman, International President 2016-2018

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Nashville Skyline

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**2015-2017 Eta State Theme:  
Create the Future - Imagine, Inspire, Ignite**



**Sheila V. Groves**  
*Eta State President*  
2015-2017

**A**DKG International Convention is always rewarding; Nashville did not disappoint! NC members joined other outstanding women from 17 countries to gather information and discuss timely topics. More than 100 breakout sessions and 50 Hot Topic mini sessions highlighted leadership, educational excellence, technology training, legislative advocacy and more! Four featured speakers gave us much *food for thought*. One of those speakers was Chief Transformation Officer of Girl Scouts USA, Natalye Paquin.

Eta State NC is proud to have two chapters, Alpha Psi in New Bern and Alpha Nu in Burke

County, working with scout troops in their area. So, I was very interested in what Natalye Paquin had to say. She applauded the overwhelming number of DKG members in attendance who had been Girl Scouts. She pointed out the parallel between preparing girls to take the lead in their lives and the world with our DKG mission to promote professional and personal growth. Ms. Paquin cited statistics showing that 80% of girls involved in scouting take on leadership roles as adults.

Ms. Paquin told an interesting story about an early-elementary grades soccer team, all girls, who had never won a game. At the beginning of a new season, their coach included a team motivator that always ended with the question "Are you ready?" to which the girls responded, in unison, "*Born ready!*" This pre-game activity demonstrated their shared determination to take on the task of winning - announcing they were ready for anything!

That acclamation not only works to encourage a team of young soccer players, but can be used to inspire the women who have chosen to be a part of the DKG team. We are key women educators, leaders, and progressive thinkers. As we begin a new chapter biennium, let us work together as a team to realize the Purposes of our Society.

Are we ready to take the lead in supporting women, children, and excellence in education?

*Born ready!*

Are we ready to reach out to the community to collaborate with others to improve educational programs?

*Born ready!*

Are we ready to ignite the power of our *voices of influence* for positive legislation that prepares all students for success in school and in life?

*Born ready!*

Are we ready to *Create the Future*?

*Born ready!*

By the way, those young soccer players, they won every game that season!

The first year of my biennium has gone by so quickly! The best part has been meeting and celebrating with members across the state. Thank you for inviting me to join you. I look forward to visiting more chapters in the coming year.

Have a delightful summer with family and friends! *sheila*

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subject line when sending an  
email to state officers.  
Thanks!

**Communications & Publicity Committee**

*Nancy Tunstall, Chair*

**How Well Does Your Chapter Communicate?**

**D**o your members know when and where the next meeting will be held? Do your members know what to bring and what the program will be? Do your members know when and where the next Eta State NC Convention will be held? Do your members know when and where the Eta State NC Leadership Seminar will be held? Do your members know how to sign in on the DKG website and set up their member profile? Do your members know they can apply for the Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards? Do your members know when to apply? Do you market DKG and make sure that your members feel connected to our organization? These are just a few items of which members should be aware.

If your members are aware of these items and feel connected to DKG, your chapter has excellent communications! If not, some work may be needed. We would like for our members to be well informed not only at the local level, but also at the state and international levels too. The Eta State NC Communications & Publicity Committee is a resource for chapters to utilize to improve communications. Please contact the Communications & Publicity Committee at [etastatecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:etastatecommunications@gmail.com) for any help you need with your communications or look at our web page on the Eta State NC website at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

The committee will continue to present the Newsletter and Website Excellence Awards at the 2017 Eta State NC Convention to chapters who qualify. Also, a brand new award called the Communications Excellence Award will be presented for the first time at the 2017 convention. This award will identify chapters who practice superior forms of communication. Information about this award and the others can be found on the Eta State NC Communications & Publicity page on the Eta State NC website. Our committee is looking forward to making these presentations.

**DKG Members Visit Lawmakers in Raleigh**

**T**he Educational Law & Policy Committee organized a Legislative Day on June 21 for any DKG members who wished to visit their respective Representatives and Senators at the General Assembly in Raleigh. Each person was able to share Eta State's "Whitepaper" outlining our educational priorities based on this spring's Educational Issues Survey conducted by the EL&P Committee. A dozen committed members participated, the largest contingent of Delta Kappa Gamma members to do so to date. Next year, the group will be even larger, it is hoped. Watch *Eta Data* next spring for the date and time for the visit during 2017's legislative session.

EL&P Committee chairman, Susan Phipps, stresses that although "politics" has a bad reputation at this time, educators can hardly afford to "steer clear" from communicating with lawmakers who are responsible for all major classroom decisions in our state. Our State Department of Public Instruction can only recommend programs and budget needs to legislators. The lawmakers, who control all the purse strings, decide what is funded and what is not. "Look at yourself as your students' advocate and speak up for what they need to become competent, productive citizens of the future," says Chairman Phipps. "If we do not do this, who will?"



*Left to right: Susan Phipps, Rosalie Bisette, Lynn Ragsdale, Dr. Elaine Jenkins, Betty Marshall, Kennan Eaddy, Linda Little, Valerie Vickers, and Jenny Taylor*



**In Memoriam**  
**~White Roses~**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Charlotte Joan Horne	Delta Upsilon	February 19, 2016
Carol Zealy Gross	Iota	July 3, 2016

**Reporting the Death of a Member**

Chapter presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and to Eta State. The updated interactive report form (Form 6) is available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms. It may be completed online and sent to the Membership Services Administrator or mailed. A copy is to be sent to Eta State Treasurer, Ruth Bell Jones, [rjonesdkg@gmail.com](mailto:rjonesdkg@gmail.com), Eta State Membership Chair, Carol Maidon, [carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com](mailto:carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com), and State President, Sheila Groves, [svgeta97@gmail.com](mailto:svgeta97@gmail.com)



**Finance Committee**

*Jean Yelverton, Chair*

**Attention Chapter Treasurers**

Say “Goodbye” to “Paper and Pencil” chapter record keeping and “Hello” to a spreadsheet-generated ledger for chapter finances with a built in “error detective.” It saves hours of work and virtually eliminates errors. Accurate totals are ready for insertion into the treasurer’s monthly reporting to the membership. Two forms are available on the Eta State website and on Google Docs.

**sample ledger report**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ChapterLedgerReport.xlsx>

**sample monthly report**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ChapterMonthlyReports.xlsx>

**Rules Committee**

*Emily Lucas, Chair*

**Proposed Changes to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules Sought**

Proposals for amending The Eta State Bylaws will be considered at the 2017 Eta State Convention. The *Eta State Standing Rules* are also eligible for revision. Proposals for amending *The Eta State Bylaws* and *State Standing Rules* can be submitted to the Rules Committee.

Proposals need to be submitted to the Rules Committee by December 1, 2016.

Send proposals to Emily Lucas, Rules Committee Chair, at [eflucas@earthlink.net](mailto:eflucas@earthlink.net) using the form for submitting changes found on the Eta State website at the URL below, or page 5 of this newsletter.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws%20&%20rules%20page.htm>

Proposed changes will be presented to the Executive Board April 28, 2017. The Board will vote to recommend or not recommend the changes. The proposals, along with the Executive Board action, will then be submitted to a vote of members present at the business meeting of the 2017 State Convention in Wilmington on April 29.

See Page 5 to print the Proposal Form to Change Standing Rules or download a copy from the URL below.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws%20&%20rules%20page.htm>

**Treasurers**

Please send confirmations for the Form 15 Annual Report filing to Ruth Jones ASAP! Thanks. [rjonesdkg@gmail.com](mailto:rjonesdkg@gmail.com)

**Next Eta State News Deadline:  
October 10, 2016**

**June 2016 Chapter Leaders Training**

Newly elected chapter presidents, along with chapter treasurers, Membership Committee chairs, and Educational Excellence Committee chairs came together in June to receive training for the 2016-18 biennium. Sessions were repeated in Wilson, Asheboro, and Black Mountain allowing members to choose the date and location that best fit their summer schedule.

The Surge Center in Wilson was a new location for Eta State NC training and proved to be an excellent facility. Immediate Past President Pat Taylor did the leg work to find the site and a caterer in the area to supply lunch. Omicron Chapter provided morning refreshments and helped with distribution of box lunches from the Sugar Plum Shoppe. Thank you to Pat and the members of Omicron Chapter for helping make this day a success!

At all three sites, the day began with an activity led by Linda Little and the Eta State NC Leadership Development Committee. The session highlighted leadership opportunities in the state organization and encouraged participants to pursue other leadership roles in the future. Participants also received communications resources information from *Eta State News* Editor, Sue Roberts. Breakout sessions offered materials and information specific to the four targeted leadership positions. These were conducted by the state Treasurer Ruth Jones, Membership chair Dr. Carol Maidon, EEC chair and First Vice President Connie Savell, and President Sheila Groves.

Ruth Jones worked with chapter treasurers to know how to prepare and how to file Form 15 and the 990-N form due in November. The International Finance Committee developed an easy to use accounting system using Microsoft Excel. Ruth explained the new procedures and assisted participants preparing to use the system.

Excited, Enthusiastic, and Energized describes the fifty-six members who attended the three Educational Excellence Committee’s sessions during Summer Leaders Training. A PowerPoint presentation informed members about supporting beginning teachers, Schools for Africa, and World Fellowship. Information was

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**Eta State North Carolina of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Proposal to Amend *Eta State Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* 2017**

Deadline: **December 1, 2016**

Proposed Amendment to *The Eta State Bylaws* \_\_\_\_\_(To be presented at **2017 Eta State NC Convention**)

Proposed Amendment to *The Eta State Standing Rules* \_\_\_\_\_ (To be presented at **2017 Eta State NC Convention**)

Mail to: Rules Committee Chairman **Emily Lucas 1302 Palmetto Path Sanford, NC 27330**

Email to: **emilyflucas0703@gmail.com** \_\_\_\_\_

1) Proposal: That Bylaw article number \_\_\_\_\_

or

That Standing Rule number \_\_\_\_\_

2) Which now reads:

3) Be amended by striking; striking and inserting; inserting; adding or substituting new words:

4) If adopted would read (indicate changes by **using bold faced font**):

5) Rationale for change ("Current practice" is not considered sufficient rationale.)

6) Fiscal Impact:

7) Approximate annual cost/savings:

8) Submitted by: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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on behalf of Self \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Committee : \_\_\_\_\_ State Organization \_\_\_\_\_

9). Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Information inserted by Rules Committee: Date received: \_\_\_\_\_



## Eta State NC at Work

June 2016 Chapter Leader Trainings  
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shared about all the areas that fall under the EEC and ideas to incorporate in planning programs that will inform and engage members. EEC chairmen were encouraged to “Pick Your Passion” and provide meaningful programs for their chapters.

The Membership chair training sessions were interactive and provided information and materials needed to be an effective leader. The chairs learned that it was not solely their obligation to recruit new members - it is every chapter member’s job to do so. However, it is their job to encourage their members to share their joy of participating in DKG with others as they consider inviting future members into our society. The chairs’ wide-ranging responsibilities include reporting a death of a member, energizing members to invite other key women educators to join, encouraging all members to go to the international website and create their member profile, offering orientation to new members and re-orientation to existing members, and assisting in strengthening their chapter. If you are a Membership chair and you were not able to attend one of the training sessions or have a representative pick up the materials, please contact Carol Maidon for copies of the files distributed at the training session.  
*carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com*



*Chapter representatives hard at work during the June 2016 Chapter Leader Trainings*

Chapter Presidents spent the day gathering information, asking questions, sharing ideas, and preparing for an exciting and successful biennium. President Sheila encouraged them to use the Eight Chapter Mandates to help them “simplify and sort” the responsibilities of chapter leadership. Secret Sister paper airplanes were launched to foster relationships and provide support throughout the year.

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>2016</b>	
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Elon Fall Executive Board Meeting</b>
<b>2017</b>	
<b>April 28 - 30</b>	<b>Eta State Convention, Wilmington, NC Region IV</b>
<b>June 23 - 25</b>	<b>Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Camp Caroway Asheboro, NC</b>
<b>July 19 - 22</b>	<b>SE Regional Conference Myrtle Beach, SC</b>
<b>2018</b>	
<b>April 27 - 29</b>	<b>Eta State Convention University Hilton Charlotte, NC Region VI</b>

### NOTICES:

*Send address and email changes IMMEDIATELY to your chapter treasurer and to International Office.*

*Log in to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to change your personal information. Don't miss a single DKG publication!*

*All photos used in this issue were submitted to the editor for use in Eta State News. or provided by Music City Live, Nashville, TN*

*Headquarters painting on page 1 used with permission of Dianne Garner, Alpha Epsilon*

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### The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International North Carolina State Organization

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#### *Eta State News*

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#### **Our Mission**

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**



**Life-changing leadership opportunities in DKG begin at the chapter level...**

*Submitted by Patricia Taylor,  
Eta State NC Immediate Past President*

Accepting membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International brings numerous life-changing opportunities and rewards. Our membership is more than saying “yes” to membership in an organization. It includes saying “yes” to chapter positions on committees and/or chapter leadership positions that result in unforgettable service to women educators, students, and community.

Kathy Britt, member and chapter leader in Beta Upsilon Chapter, recently shared her personal reasons for members’ consideration of leadership opportunities at the chapter level:

- to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education
- to build and strengthen personal relationships through positive interaction among committee members
- to foster a proactive approach to reaching specific goals of the board and a committee
- to publicly recognize the contributions of committee members
- to publicly recognize committee progress toward goals that build and strengthen the chapter and last but not least...
- to fulfill a primary purpose of DKG sisterhood.

Some opportunities resulting from chapter leadership are:

- representing the voices of DKG members in education, legislation, and the Society.
- lending a unique style of leadership, which provides the “spice and variety” as well as fun and memorable experiences in the Society.
- participation in professional leadership trainings, which includes participation in chapter leaders’ training, the Eta State Leadership Seminar every other year, and/or the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar offered from international every other

year. DKG trains its leaders! These experiences also result in meeting intellectually stimulating women leaders, some from other parts of the world that remain close friends and sisters for life.

- opportunities to network closely with state and international leaders. It also paves the way for future chapter, state, and international leadership opportunities.
- the opportunity to be appointed to state and international committees and positions.
- the possibility of serving as a state president and a state past president (feeling even closer to over 4000 Eta State NC sisters through chapter visits as well as becoming a part of a family of 11 Southeast Regional sisters that serve together as state presidents at the same time and remain a close family of sisters forever).
- opportunities to travel in the United States and abroad while attending regional conferences, European conferences, and/or international conventions.
- opportunities to mentor and learn from current and future leaders of the Society.

Mu Chapter contains a large number of state past presidents (they have five – four Eta State Past Presidents (one deceased) and one Florida State Past President (recently deceased)). After conferring with chapter leaders in Mu Chapter, the reasons given for the high numbers of state presidents in this chapter are “strong belief and support.” Members believe the leadership skills and ideas their chapter leaders shared have had a positive impact on the chapter. As a result, Mu Chapter leaders are *strongly* supported and encouraged to share their leadership skills at the next level of the Society.

There is everything to be gained from serving as a leader in DKG! Saying “yes” to chapter leadership is the beginning to changing lives both personally and professionally and making a positive impact on education and the Society worldwide.

**Next Eta State News Deadline:  
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**Corrections to the Summer 2016 Eta State News**  
Page 9 – Left Column – Please add Kappa Chapter, Region VIII and Gamma Phi, Region X to the Newsletter Excellence Award listings.  
Page 9 – Right Column - Heading should read **Twelve Chapters Earn Excellence Award for Excellent Achievement.** Gamma Chi was omitted from the list but the chapter president is in the photo.



## 2016-2018 Regional Directors

### 2016-2018 Regional Directors Appointed

Sharon Frazer, Eta State NC Second Vice-President is pleased to announce the Regional Directors for 2016-2018.

#### Tobey Worthington- Region I

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- Taught high school science in the Nash-Rocky Mount School System
- Retired



#### Tammy Cullom- Region II

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- Director of Elementary Education, Craven County Schools



#### Cheryl Wright- Region III

- Member of Gamma Tau Chapter
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- Graduated from Fayetteville State University, ECPI Computer Institute, NCCU with MLIS, and Western Carolina University MA
- Media Coordinator at Selma Middle School in Johnston County



#### Mary Ann Styons- Region IV

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- Taught 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at the Camp Lejeune Department of Defense School
- Retired



#### Patricia Burnette- Region V

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- Graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and NCCU
- Taught entire educational career in Granville County Schools; taught high school English; Director of



Instruction at JF Webb High School; and district Testing and Data Management and Curriculum Coach

- Retired

#### Jennifer Lampley- Region VI

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- Retired



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- Taught English and foreign languages
- Retired



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- Media Coordinator at Claremont Elementary School, Catawba County Schools



June 23 - 25, 2017  
 Eta State Leadership  
 Development Seminar  
 Camp Caroway  
 Asheboro, NC





## 2016-2018 Regional Directors

### Suzi Cabe- Region XI

- Member of Alpha Iota
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- Graduated from Western Carolina University and extra courses at UNC-Chapel Hill
- Taught social studies/English grades 7-12; served as media coordinator at the middle level; served as Assistant Superintendent for Macon County Public Schools; served as a coach for early college high schools in western North Carolina; and since retirement from public education, has been a NC Field Representative for AdvancED SACS-CASI working as a lead evaluator or team member in 14 states.
- Retired



*Eta State President Sheila Groves meets with incoming and outgoing Region V Regional Directors, Patricia Burnette and Carolyn Vincent.*

induction program offering a research-based curriculum and multiple services designed to increase teacher effectiveness, enhance skills, and reduce attrition among beginning teachers. The NC NTSP provides each teacher: (1) intensive Institute “boot camps;” (2) intensive, individualized classroom coaching; & (3) aligned professional development sessions. Misty was the Teaching Fellows Director at UNC-Charlotte. This program does not replace the Teaching Fellows program; it supports new teachers. New member **Lauren Schultz** was named Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 at Independence High School in Charlotte, NC. She is the Media Specialist.

**Gamma Chi** (Region III, Warren) Congratulatory to **Erin Simons** on being named an NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching Richard L. Thompson Honored Educator Scholar for 2015-16; **Aimee Anderson** on passing her National Counselor Exam; **Jill Coleman** on completing her Master of Library Science degree and **Renee Mizelle** on her selection as Warren County Schools Literacy Coordinator as she leaves her position as Vaughan Elementary School principal to assume this new position.

**Delta Sigma** (Region X, Lincoln) Battleground Elementary School Guidance Counselor **Kennan Eaddy** received an \$8,000 grant from the Lincoln County Education Foundation. Her grant, entitled “Acquiring Technology to Acquire Language” was one of only five grants awarded this spring. In addition, West Lincoln Middle School Media Coordinator **Jennifer Dellinger** was recognized as the 2015-2016 Media Coordinator of the Year for Lincoln County Schools. Delta Sigma is proud of the accomplishments of these members!



Kennan Eaddy



*Jennifer Dellinger and Superintendent Dr. Sherry Hoyle, also a Delta Sigma sister (Both Photos Courtesy of Lincoln County Schools)*



## Eta State NC Members Shine

### Congratulations to the following members!

**Beta Gamma** (Region VII, Guilford) **Ann Flynt** has been appointed the new principal of Saint Pius the 10th Catholic School for the 2016-2017 school year. **Dr. Erika Williams** was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Greensboro Public Library for a three year term beginning June 1st.

**Beta Delta** (Region VII, Guilford) **Barb Levin** and **Lynne Shrum** have published a textbook, *Every Teacher a LEADER: Developing the Needed Dispositions, Knowledge, and Skills for Teacher Leadership*. Congratulations to Barb and Lynne. The book is available from Corwin Publishers. **Dr. Kim D. Pemberton** has received an NC QUEST Grant to work with the Thomasville City Schools. She will focus on completing professional Development of 3rd-8th grade teachers in areas of English Language Arts, Math and Science. NC QUEST is North Carolina **Q**uality in **E**ducating and **S**upporting **T**eachers. **Liliana Jordanov** has been invited to represent Guilford County Schools as a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Opportunities Center. (GO Center) The GO Center is a non-profit organization formed to converge existing strengths, create jobs and connect local and global academic, corporate, and community partners.

**Beta Tau** (Region VIII, Mecklenburg) Congratulations to **Dr. Misty Hathcock** for being named NC New Teacher Support Program Regional Director at UNC-Charlotte. Misty’s region covers 12 counties in North Carolina. The NC NTSP is a comprehensive



**Alpha Iota Receives Surprise Gift**

*Submitted by Alpha Iota Chapter*

Alpha Iota Chapter is extremely proud of Bryson Cheek and her heartfelt commitment to helping others. She was inspired to begin this project after hearing her mother share information about Schools for Africa. Bryson, daughter of Alpha Iota member Alissa Cheek, delivered an amazing speech and presented seven bins of school supplies and a check for \$1,528 to Alpha Iota Chapter for their Schools for Africa project

Bryson is a recent graduate of the Mara-Christian Academy, an affiliate of Tri-County Early College, in Murphy, NC. She earned her high school diploma and an Associate’s Degree from Tri-County Early College. Her mother is principal of the school. Bryson plans to attend Western Carolina University in the fall.



*L to R are the Chair of Educational Excellence Subcommittee: Schools for Africa, Barbara El-Khoury, Bryson Cheek, and President Amy Hobbs.*

career teacher, now retired. However, Zada’s entire career as an English teacher was spent in New York where she resides. My DKG chapter, Delta Rho, is in Sanford, NC. So, how could I make this happen?

I posed the question to Emily Lucas, Past President of Delta Rho Chapter and past Region VI Regional Director, who assured me that I could. She suggested that I call DKG International Headquarters to get information about the process and the name of the chapter in my friend’s area. I did, and it was affirmed. Yes, I could nominate someone for membership in a chapter other than my own, even a chapter in another state! I was given the contact information for the president and treasurer of the chapter closest to Zada and immediately emailed my request to President Rowena Costa, Alpha Phi Chapter, Long Island, NY, who in turn, phoned me and walked me through the process.

On May 11, 2016, President Costa invited me to stand alongside my longtime best friend, Zada Terry, as she was inducted into Alpha Phi Chapter. President Costa also allowed me to present a brief program displaying a wall hanging designed and woven by Patricia Pemberton, President of Delta Rho Chapter. The wall hanging is on display in the DKG National Arts and Humanities Gallery and was inspired by potters and sisters, Neolia and Celia Cole, with whom Pemberton had formed a close friendship. *See the photo of the wall hanging on page 13.*

New York is one of my favorite places to visit. However, my recent trip bore an exceptional highlight: I witnessed my longtime and closest girlfriend join me in DKG sisterhood! The bond we’ve shared since elementary school has now been strengthened by yet another link. Showing the actual tapestry selected by the jury for display in the DKG online gallery was the proverbial icing on the cake!

I thank President Rowena Costa and the members of Alpha Phi Chapter, including their very own Dr. Joyce Tang, immediate Past President of Pi State NY, for accepting my BFF into their chapter and for receiving me so warmly as their guest at her initiation. My visit with Alpha Phi Chapter is one of my most cherished and memorable DKG moments.



**DKG Bridge Unites Best Friends**

*Submitted by Barbara Keller, Past President, Delta Rho Chapter*

What do you do when you share with your “BFF” (best friend forever) yet another successful project your DKG chapter just completed and for the “ump-teenth” time listen to her long to “be a part of a group like that” – especially when you know she possesses all the qualities of a great DKG sister? Why, you nominate her for membership, of course! Wow! I wanted to make this a reality for my longtime best friend, Zada Terry, a



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President Lyn Babb Schmid utilized five of the seven members of the DKGNext! team to give the inspiration at the beginning of each general session. See more about North Carolina's DKGNext! team member on page 11.

More than 100 breakout sessions provided participants with cutting-edge knowledge on communications/technology, educational excellence, empowering women, legislative advocacy, leadership, and much more. New to the convention this year were Hot Topics mini-sessions and Cyber Center tech training using member devices, proving DKG is moving toward a new way of presenting information to participants.

North Carolina representatives were a strong presence at the convention. Several attendees went to the Wildhorse Saloon for a rootin' tootin' good time while supporting the International Education Foundation.

- Dr. Sara Massey received her "cords," given to all Doctoral Candidates when they complete the requirements for graduation.
- Cords were also given to Dr. Teresa Cowen who received an Ed.D degree 2010 but missed the convention when she was recognized.
- President Sheila Groves introduced speaker Mike Figliuolo during the 2<sup>nd</sup> general session.
- Meredith Fychock, the DKGNext! member, had her Omicron Chapter sisters bursting with pride as she presented at the New2DKG session on the first day, gave the first "85 Years and beyond" inspiration at the first general session, and co-hosted a breakout session with fellow



*Sandra Smith Bull and International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid*



*Eta State President Sheila Groves and guest speaker Mike Figliuolo*



*International Parliamentarian Dr. Gwen Simmons*



*President Sheila rides the range at the WildHorse Saloon!*

- DKGNext! member Jessica Sargent. (MO)
- Patricia Pemberton was one of the celebrated artists in the breakout session, "DKG Artists Dialogue," hoping to inspire members to submit artwork for display in DKG Fine Arts Gallery. See some of NC's member artwork on page 14.
- Dr. Angela Kern presented a breakout session and a new "Hot Topics" session.
- The great niece of Past International President Dr. Dorothy Johnson, Kerri Wimberly, gave a wonderful tribute to Dr. Johnson during the Celebration of Life ceremony.
- Dr. Gwen Simmons continues as International Parliamentarian for 2016-2018.

The final night members dressed to the "nines," as only DKG members can, and attended the "Passages" banquet. President Lyn Babb Schmid presented Carolyn Pittman with the president's gavel. In her acceptance speech, President Pittman announced the theme for the 2016-2018 biennium as *DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*. The newly elected members of the International Executive Board (shown on Page 14) took the oath of their office, and a new biennium begins!



*International President Carolyn Pittman and International Past President Dr. Barbara Day*



**Spotlight on Susan**

*Submitted by Sheila Groves, Eta State President*

In recent years, an award was created to be given at the International Convention Southeast Regional Breakfast. Southeast state presidents were asked to select someone from their membership who met this criteria:

- A Society member who “has given distinctive and unflagging service to her chapter, state organization, and community.”
- A Society member who “often has preferred to serve behind the scene, rather than in the spotlight.”
- A Society member who “has not served on the International Executive Board or on an International Committee.”

The point of this recognition is to showcase a woman who has served the Society well throughout the years. She should be a woman who makes a difference without calling attention to herself.

Past NC Stars include Lucille Stone, Margaret Church, and Lynda Tamblyn.

Again this year, at the Nashville International Convention, NC was delighted to recognize one of our members for distinctive service to her chapter, state, and community. Our NC Star currently serves on the NCAE National Board Certified Teachers Leadership Team. She has served as an Advanced Candidate Support Initiative trainer and was lead writer/editor of the ACSI manual distributed statewide. She is the 2016 recipient of the Karen Garr Award recognizing her positive impact on National Board candidate support.

An active part of her community, she volunteers

weekly with Friends of the Library and is a member of ACORN a local craft co-op. As part of the Teeny Tiny Treasures organization, she has contributed more than 250 crocheted items to the area hospital for premature babies.

A member of DKG since 1992, our Star has served her chapter as newsletter editor and treasurer and served on numerous committees. She is an adviser to the state Communications and Publicity committee and is recently elected to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. In describing her Society work our Star said, “...my best work in DKG is not about what positions I’ve held or how many conventions I’ve attended, not things that show up on a resume.” She is most proud of the young educators she has brought into the organization and continued to mentor. Two of those members were recently recognized as NC Rising Stars, and another received one of the first grants given by the NC Educational Foundation.

Not every NC member knows our Star but they know her work. Each month she gathers timely information from state and international levels and condenses it for publication in *Eta Data*. Often the first person to notice changes in policies and procedures, she keeps NC members informed! In her own words “I love doing *Eta Data* because I believe the more informed everyone is, the more involved they can be, and maybe they’ll love DKG as much as I do.”



Our 2016 NC Star of the Southeast is Delta Chi Chapter member and *Eta Data* Editor, Susan Kuenzel.

**Spotlight on Meredith**

*Submitted by Jean Yelverton, Omicron Chapter*

Meredith Fychok has had an eventful DKG experience over the past thirteen months. Beginning at the Leadership Development Seminar in Raleigh in June 2015, her interaction with other DKG members led to her being selected by International President Lyn Babb Schmid as one of seven members from the US to represent members 35 and under on the International DKGNext! It was onward to Austin to meet with Dr. Schmid and the other six to learn and plan!



At the Eta State Convention in April 2016, during the Chapter President’s Banquet, Meredith received a \$500 scholarship to be used to complete her National Boards certification. The convention concluded Sunday with a Birthday Brunch remembering the twelve founders of the Eta State NC organization. State President Sheila Groves and the Awards Committee, in order to recognize and encourage key young educators, initiated the Rising Stars Award. Meredith was selected as one of the twelve young women from the membership of NC Delta Kappa Gamma to be recognized as a Rising Star. She also had the honor of retiring the DKG flag at the end of the 2016 Eta State Convention.

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## ***Eta State NC Members Shine at International Convention***

In May Meredith was installed as Second Vice-President of Omicron Chapter. After concluding a successful year teaching, in July she attended the International Convention in Nashville, TN. Among her opportunities at the convention, Meredith participated at the New2DKG session, spoke about *85 Years and Beyond* at the Opening Meeting, and co-presented a breakout session with DKGNext! member Jessica Sergent (from Missouri) on *Creating a Positive Chapter Culture*.

The future looks bright for DKG and its very capable newer members.

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### **A Bridge Not Too Far**

*Submitted by Patricia Pemberton, President Delta Rho*

It was with heightened interest that I read the article titled, “Europe Builds Bridges Across Borders,” in the May/June issue of *DKG News*. My reading that Epsilon Chapter in the Netherlands has strong bonds with the Delta Chapter in Germany aroused memories of conversations with my grandson, Specialist Jonathan Pemberton, who is in the U.S. Army’s 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. In 2014 he and his unit jumped into Holland on a mission to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Market Garden. Jonathan spoke of how, in 1944, the U.S. Army and its allies were trying to secure key bridges in Holland. Americans reached most of their objectives quickly. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne secured the bridge over the Mass River at Grave, the Lock-Bridge at Heumen, and several others; then, at Arnhem, there was “A Bridge Too Far,” which was taken by German forces. It was all about Holland’s bridges, he explained.

My mind raced forward as I thought about the International Update in the DKG newsletter. Could I be instrumental in building a bridge of communication between my Delta Rho Chapter in Eta State North Carolina and the Epsilon Chapter in the Netherlands?

While searching, I found the name of the Europe Regional Director, Marianne Skardeus from Sweden. I contacted her requesting information about the Epsilon Chapter in the Netherlands. The *DKG News* article related that the Netherlands was celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Since my Delta Rho Chapter plans a 20<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration this year, it struck me that we could share stories.

Marianne Skardeus responded to my communication by saying that she was at that moment on her way to the Netherlands for their convention and 40<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration. She said she was glad I liked the article she wrote, even though the article did not mention her name. We learned that each planned to attend the DKG International Convention in Nashville, and we arranged to meet.

It was with elevated excitement that I connected with Europe’s Regional Director at the DKG International Convention. We built that bridge of communication from North Carolina to Europe in a span of 45 minutes.

Marianne took me to the section where the delegation from Europe sat. There I met Marie-Antoinette Hubers from the Netherlands! I did not see Marie-Antoinette again until we waited at the same location for a shuttle to the Nashville Airport for our departures home. During a half hour wait and ride on the shuttle, we exchanged information. She offered to send me a copy of the program from the 40<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration. It was not by chance that a bridge of communication from North Carolina to the Netherlands was actually under construction; this time, “A Bridge *Not* Too Far!”

The opening paragraph in the May/June *DKG News*, written by Marianne Skardeus, Europe Regional Director, reads “The possibilities of international contacts and exchanges are a rewarding aspect of Society membership.” So now, an international bridge of communication spans the Atlantic Ocean from the shores of America to the shores of Europe, connects DKG friends, and offers endless possibilities for our futures.



*Marianne Skardeus, European Regional Director and Patricia Pemberton, Delta Rho Chapter President*



2016-2018 International Executive Board

*(L to R) Dr. Gwen Simmons, Sandra Smith Bull, Flor M. Perez, Joan Wolfe, June M. Bowers, Dr. Hanna Fowler, Linda Navorska, Pat Park, Carolyn H. Pittman, Dr. Rhonda R. Anderson, Carol Hughes, Bjorg Nakling, Becky Sadowski, Barb Whiting and Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid*

**International Fine Arts Gallery - NC members entries now on display**

Lynne Nadel  
Kappa Chapter  
Pottery



Patricia Pemberton  
Delta Rho Chapter  
Weaving



Carol Bostian  
Nu Chapter  
Photography





## International Benefits

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(Microsoft Word Document)*

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*Dr. Angela Kern*



*Dr. Teresa Cowan with Agnes Moynihan,  
International Scholarship Committee Chair*



*Kerri Bernhardt-Wimberly  
Great Niece of international past president  
Dr. Dorothy Johnson*



*NC members at the Wild Horse Saloon  
Front: Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon  
Back: Donna Rudisill, Carol Maidon, Dr.  
Barbara Day, Elaine McRae, Sheila Groves,  
Angela Winstead & Carol Bostian*



*Dr. Sara Massey, Eta State and International  
Scholarship recipient*



*Elaine McRae, Meredith Fychock - DKGNext!  
& Joyce Newton*



*Betty Marshall & Ellen Gragg*



*Tennessee Girl Scouts assist flag bearers in  
retiring the flags of DKG*



*International Past Presidents  
Dr. Evelyn Barron, Dr. Barbara Day &  
Dr. Beverly Helms*



*Ready for a meeting  
Connie Savell, Sue Roberts, Patricia  
Pemberton, Nancy Tunstall, and  
Elaine McRae*



*2016 International Convention Chorus*