

2018 International Achievement Award Presented to Dr. Gwen Simmons

Eta State News Editor
 Carol Bostian with information contributed by Dr. Simmons



Dr. Gwen Simmons was recognized as the recipient of the 2018 International Achievement Award during the International Convention in Austin, Texas. The Society annually gives the gold medallion and chain known as the International Achievement Award to a leader who has merited recognition for her distinguished record of

service to the Society at the international level. The medallion is worn only by members who have been voted that honor and privilege by the International Executive Board.

Dr. Simmons (*Region VI, Gamma Kappa*), 1995-1997 Eta State NC President, is described as a risk taker, a motivator, a communicator, and a visionary. She often takes the least popular view to press others to examine their own stance, creating conversation, reflection, and broadening understanding.

As the 2014-2018 International Parliamentarian, Dr. Simmons' role included being a member of the International Executive Board, the Administrative Board, and the Constitution Interpretation Committee. A primary responsibility was serving as consultant to the Constitution Committee handling 122 proposed amendments to the governing documents and maintaining/updating the document recording each responsibility of the Administrative Board.

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North Carolina Star of the Southeast Nancy Tunstall,

Eta State NC President 2017-2019
 Connie Savell



NC is proud to recognize **Nancy Tunstall** as our Star of the Southeast. The Star of the Southeast is an award presented at the International Convention Southeast Regional Breakfast. Each president in the southeast region selects a member who has given distinctive service to her chapter, state organization, and community; who often serves behind the scene, rather than in the spotlight; and who has not served on the International Executive Board or on an international committee.

Nancy (*Region III, Gamma Chi*) is a dedicated leader who quietly and efficiently works behind the scenes.

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Highlights & News from the 2018 DKG International Convention

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International welcomed over 2,000 members from 17 countries to the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018. Opening night ceremonies included the presentation of flags from each member country with many presidents dressed for the occasion in clothing representative of their native culture.



Sweden's president presents Swiss flag

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Let's SPARKLE!

GOALS:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionate, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Why is it important that DKG members attend an International Convention? As leaders, we learn more about the complexity of the Society and begin to grasp the scope of all the things that DKG influences around the world. The attendees conduct the business and vote to determine the future direction of DKG as we deliberate proposals. During the Breakouts and Takeaways, DKG members have the opportunity to present sessions which provide professional growth for our members. Several of our Eta State NC members were presenters this year!

One can gain inspiration and renewal of spirit listening to dynamic speakers. Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez both delivered powerful messages during the convention.

Recognition was given to two special members from NC. At the Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon, Dr. Gwen Simmons received the 2018 International Achievement Award, the highest honor in DKG. Nancy Tunstall was recognized as North Carolina's Star of the Southeast during the Southeast Regional Breakfast. Eta State NC is very proud of both of these members.

Opportunities for leadership in the Society are plentiful as new officers are elected for the next biennium. Cathy Daugherty from Virginia was elected to serve as 2018-2020 International President. International Convention is a time of renewing friendships and meeting new members.

I would like to encourage all of our Eta State NC members to consider attending the Southeast Regional Conference in Asheville June 27-29, 2019. Conferences and conventions provide opportunities to learn more about our great organization.

Let's SPARKLE !

Connie Savell

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Thanks!

Simmons Receives 2018 International Achievement Award

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Simmons served on Focus 2000, a major time of evaluating the Society trying to recreate itself for the next century. She was a member of the Constitution Revision Team that produced the revised *2010 Constitution and International Standing Rules*. A year later, she served on an Ad hoc Committee writing *The Go-To Guide for Chapter Members*.

The recipient served as a member, 1998-2000, and chair, 2000-2002, of the Membership Committee. Her favorite memory of that time is conducting the Ceremony of Remembrance at International Conventions in Ontario, Canada, and Little Rock, Arkansas. Serving as chair of the Constitution Committee from 2004-2006 encouraged the recipient's further study of parliamentary procedure, which led to credentials as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian in 2012.

In 2017, she authored a *Collegial Exchange* article entitled, "Demystifying and Simplifying Parliamentary Procedure." In keeping with her thoughts of challenging thinkers, she wrote an article in 2015 entitled "DKG a Sorority? Yes . . . But so Much More." Even earlier, in 1999, she wrote an article for the *Bulletin* that encouraged readers to think about "Delta Kappa Gamma as a Learning Organization."

As a life-long learner and teacher, in 2005-2009, gathering credible, DKG instructors as faculty, she coordinated five annual Newsletter/Website camps for chapter newsletter editors and potential webmasters. The event was sponsored by Eta State NC, but was open to DKG members across the Society. Ultimately, the idea of training DKG members in newsletter production and website development spread to the international level.

Simmons is again coordinating a North Carolina sponsored event on June 21-24, 2019, the weekend before the Southeast Regional Conference. The seminar, entitled "Leading Effective Meetings," is open to DKG members across the Society. This event is honoring Dr. Simmons' belief that "DKG's best recruitment and retention tool is leading effective meetings at each level of the Society – especially at the chapter level."

Her dream is to encourage international-sponsored training of DKG members in effective meeting management, using the basics of parliamentary procedure, so that member participants and meeting presidents leave DKG meetings feeling energized and empowered.

Busy, yes; but never too busy to acknowledge the leadership potential of others and to encourage them to try new roles. Never too busy to participate in chapter projects, such as writing two different scripts that could be used to role play parliamentary procedure for a Girl Scout Troop. Her leadership and service has built a DKG network of support, participation, and sustainability.

Congratulations to the 2018 International Achievement Award recipient – Dr. Gwen Simmons.



In Memoriam

- White Roses -

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Frances Gibson Marley	Gamma Iota	April 4, 2018
Mary F. Partin	Pi	April 7, 2018
Myrtle Westmoreland	Alpha Xi	April 17, 2018
Carol Smith Pittman	Omicron	May 3, 2018
Bettie Carroll Massey	Beta Xi	May 15, 2018
Janice Barwick Grady	Alpha Eta	June 1, 2018

Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter presidents are reminded to **report the death of a member immediately** to International and to Eta State. The interactive report form (Form 6) can be found at www.dkg.org under Forms. Complete Form 6 online and email or mail a copy to:

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Eta State NC New Chapter Leaders Training

June was a busy month for Eta State NC officers and new chapter leaders. State officers and committee representatives presented training sessions in Greensboro, Wilson, and Black Mountain for newly-elected presidents, treasurers, Membership Committee chairs, and Educational Excellence Committee chairs from each chapter. Those attending were able to choose the location and date that worked best for their summer schedule.

At each location, participants were welcomed by Eta State NC President Connie Savell. Members of the Eta State NC Leadership Development Committee then presented a Kahoot online activity that quizzed members' knowledge about Eta State and DKG. Members attended breakout sessions presented by Eta State NC President Connie Savell, Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones, EEC Chair and First Vice-President Dr. Teresa Cowan, and members of the Eta State NC Membership Committee. Each breakout session provided materials and information specific to the four leadership positions.

While teaching full-time, our Star served on the Board of Directors for two local organizations and continues to maintain databases for three nonprofits. In 2011, Warren County honored Nancy with the Women of Achievement in Education Award.

A member of DKG since 1999, our Star has served two terms as chapter president and is currently serving as chapter newsletter editor, webmaster, and parliamentarian. She was appointed as an Eta State Regional Director and committee chair. In 2012, she received NC's Golden Key Award. She has presented at numerous state conventions and attended international events.

Our Star is a go-to person for proof-reading and creating digital documents. For three years she has compiled an attractive and informative state convention booklet. Her expertise and dedication to perfection make this a user-friendly program guide and special keepsake.

North Carolina is delighted to honor Nancy Tunstall as our 2018 Star of the Southeast. Nancy will be presented the gold star emblem and recognized at the Fall Executive Board Meeting.



President Connie Savell



Treasurer Ruth Jones



Leadership Chair
Tonya Welch

Eta State NC Founders Activity

Educational Excellence Committee
Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC EEC Chair

Does your chapter need a *fun activity* to learn more about the Eta State NC Founders? The Founders crossword puzzle from the 2018 Birthday Brunch can now be found on the EEC page of the Eta State NC website: <https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html> Enjoy!

2018-2020 Regional Directors

Eta State NC 2018-2020 Regional Directors **SPARKLE**

Eta State NC Second Vice-President Elizabeth Miars, is pleased to announce the 2018-2020 Regional Directors whose term began on July 1. Regional directors are a liaison between the chapters and state organization. These leaders are here to advise and support new chapter presidents. Be sure to invite your regional director to a chapter meeting or event.

Region I: Rhonda Allen, *Alpha Kappa*

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Rhonda teaches in the Nash-Rocky Mount Schools and resides in Littleton. She is currently treasurer of Alpha Kappa after serving as first vice-president and president. Rhonda believes that the best parts of DKG are friendships, helping others, and working with Schools for Africa and Beginning Teacher Support.



Region II: Veda McNair, *Iota*

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Veda is a retired administrator in Wayne County Schools and lives in Goldsboro. She works with Communities Supporting Schools as Spring Creek High School Success coach and volunteers with boards for the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, Wayne Community College, and Habitat for Humanity. Veda served as Iota vice-president and president and was chairman of the Eta State NC Membership Committee. She enjoys being sisters with key educators in DKG.



Region III: Terry Denny, *Alpha Omicron*

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Terry Denny lives in Garner, where she is secretary of the NC Fossil Club and works part-time at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Special Exhibits. She has served Alpha Omicron as president and corresponding secretary. Terry finds the "interactions with colleagues in my chapter and across NC" as the best part of DKG.



Region IV: Star Jackson, *Alpha Eta*

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Star Jackson is an instructor in the Applied Animal Science, Agribusiness, and Swine Management Technology programs at James Sprunt Community College. She served Alpha Eta Chapter as chapter president for two biennia. She chaired the Nominations and Program committees. Star states that the best part of DKG is "experiencing the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma through the many professional and personal growth opportunities on a local, state, and national level."

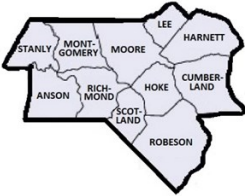


Region V: Molly Upchurch, *Alpha Pi*

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Molly Upchurch is a reading specialist at Chatham Middle School in Chatham County. She resides in Bear Creek. Molly served Alpha Pi chapter on the World Fellowship and Communications committees and as first vice-president and president. She believes that the tradition, legacy, camaraderie, structure and organization of DKG are key elements for DKG membership.





Region VI: Pamela Wright, *Lambda*

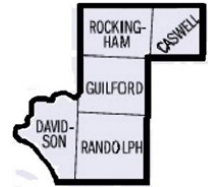
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Pamela Wright lives in Lumberton where she recently retired as school counselor for Robeson Early College High School. She is a member of Lambda Chapter where she served as second vice-president and president. Pamela is a 2018 Eta State Golden Key recipient. Meeting smart, talented and educated women is the highlight of her DKG membership.

Region VII: Peggy Stuart, *Beta Xi*

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Peggy Stuart, member of Beta Xi Chapter, lives in Jamestown. She served her chapter on the Membership Committee, and as secretary, president, and co-president. Peggy is currently chairman of the Coordinating Council in Region VII and a member of the Eta State NC Awards Committee. Peggy treasures the friendships she has made through her Eta State participation over the years.



Region VIII: Nancy Smith, *Beta Sigma*

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Nancy Smith, retired educator in Beta Sigma Chapter, resides in Charlotte where she tutors for the Augustine Project and participates in the Landscapers Garden Club. She served as president and secretary of her chapter, and was a member of many chapter committees. Nancy enjoys the sisterhood of Delta Kappa Gamma – meeting members from across the state to learn about the workings of their chapters.

Region IX: Rebecca Keesler, *Alpha Theta*

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Rebecca (Becky) Keesler, resides in Mt. Airy where she is on the Board of Trustees for the Mt. Airy Public Library and the coordinating council of the NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Becky served on the Eta State NC Rules Committee and held many positions in Alpha Theta Chapter – committee chairman, newsletter editor, parliamentarian, and president. According to Becky, the best part of DKG is the fellowship and creative energy.



Region X: Dr. Sherry Willis, *Alpha Nu*

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Dr. Sherry Willis, Alpha Nu Chapter, is a retired principal for Hickory Public Schools. She lives in Connelly Springs. She is editor of the NC DKG Educational Foundation newsletter, "In a Nutshell," and chaired the Eta State NC Beginning Teacher Support Committee. In Alpha Nu, Sherry chaired committees and served as vice-president and president. The best parts of DKG for Sherry are the connection with outstanding colleagues and meeting new friends/sisters.

Region XI: Patrice Higgins, *Gamma*

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Patrice (Patty) Higgins lives in Weaverville. Patty retired from Buncombe County Schools. As a member of Gamma Chapter, Patty served as parliamentarian, second vice-president, president and newsletter editor. She is the current treasurer. Her favorite activities in DKG are networking with other educators and supporting beginning teachers and future educators.



Are You Willing?

Nominations Committee

Dr. Theresa Wahome-Tate, Chair



DKG chapters across our state are celebrating their accomplishments, inviting outstanding women into membership, and installing new officers.

As part of each officer installation ceremony, DKG members are charged to ensure DKG's future success. ***Outstanding leaders are needed for the 2019-2021 biennium!*** Your help is wanted – nominate a member of your chapter to serve as a DKG Eta State NC officer.

The nomination form and instructions can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2JWzvGI>

***Nominations are due
no later than November 15, 2018.***

A Leadership Quest: Discovering How *You* Sparkle

Leadership Development Committee

Tonya Welch, Chair

The Eta State Leadership Development Committee is proud to introduce WILMA (Women Inspiring Leadership, Mentorship and Achievement). WILMA will be leading us on our quest to discover how you *sparkle* March 22-23, 2019 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. We will be exploring our leadership strengths using Gallup strategies led by Certified Gallup Coach Nancy Cox.



WILMA is a representation of the Eta State NC leaders who have influenced my leadership during my years in DKG. Linda Little believed that our group had a leader in every chair, so WILMA has a beautiful chair in which to sit. Pat Taylor dared us to be courageous and dragons are very fierce and courageous. Sheila Groves inspired us to ignite our imagination and WILMA breathes fire. Connie Savell has encouraged us to SPARKLE and WILMA has a glittery coat. All of these qualities led me to choose WILMA as our 2017-2019 Leadership Development Committee Mascot.

The registration form is now available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2v2OMkT>. We are limited to a total of 32 participants so please register as early as possible.

Encouraging Beginning Teachers

Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Tammy Albright, Chair

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee would like ask every member to find a beginning teacher (or educator) at a local school of their choice. Write this teacher a note of encouragement or send them a small gift to get their year started. Remember to tell them that you are/were an educator and have been in their shoes. This could be the first step in increasing your chapter's membership for the coming biennium.



International Convention Changes Chapter Payments

Eta State NC Treasurer

Ruth Jones

Chapters will now keep \$7.50 of future \$10.00 initiation fees, and \$2.50 will be sent to Eta State NC treasurer. International will no longer receive any of the initiation fee. This is an immediate change for chapters reporting 2018-2019 dues and fees collected by October 31.

International dues of \$40.00 and Eta State dues of \$15.00 will continue for Active members. Reserve dues will still be \$20.00 for International and \$2.00 for Eta State. Both Active and Reserve members pay the \$1.00 scholarship fee. For chapters that have a scholarship fund, \$0.20 will be sent to Eta State for each Active and Reserve member. None will be sent to International. Remember! If chapters keep \$0.80 for a chapter scholarship fund, it can *only be used for scholarships given to DKG members*. This money is not for a grant-in-aid that may be given to college students.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 year, dues and fees will be collected by June 30, 2019. They will be sent to Eta State NC treasurer immediately thereafter. This change will allow International and Eta State NC to receive dues and fees by July 1, the beginning of each DKG fiscal year.

Amending the Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules

Rules Committee

Tammy Cullom, Chair



The *Eta State Standing Rules* were amended at the 2018 Eta State NC Convention in Charlotte. The updated copy of the *Eta State Standing Rules* is posted on the website under the [About tab](#). The *Eta State Standing Rules* may be amended every year. The *Eta State Bylaws* may be amended during odd-numbered years. **For the 2019 convention, both documents may be amended.**

The deadline for proposed amendments to either of these documents is December 1, 2018. Members may send proposals to Tammy Cullom, Rules Committee Chair, at dkgtammy@gmail.com using the interactive form on the Eta State NC website on the Forms or Rules Committee pages or at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2JSHMvy>.

Eta State NC to Celebrate 85th Birthday in 2019

Eta State NC President

Connie Savell



In 2019, Eta State NC will observe our 85th Birthday. One way that we plan to celebrate is to recognize members who have made notable contributions to education or to DKG on the local, state and national levels. Please review your chapter histories and membership records to locate those in your chapter who have made significant contributions and impacted numerous lives. Think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, that might deserve recognition.

State leaders are still developing plans to utilize the information you submit. More details will be shared at our Fall Executive Board Meeting. Chapters will be asked to send a biography of no more than 150 words and a photograph of your member(s) to be recognized. Thank you for helping us to celebrate this milestone and our leading members.

Personnel Committee Announces Treasurer Vacancy

Personnel Committee

Carolyn Lane, Chair



The Personnel Committee has announced that applications for Eta State NC Treasurer will be available at the Fall Executive Board Meeting at Elon. The six-year term will begin July 1, 2019. Additional information will be available in the Winter 2018 *Eta State News*.

Chapter Achievement Award Form Available Online

Awards Committee

Donna Rudisill, Chair



The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the 2018-2019 Chapter Achievement Award application is now on the Eta State website under the [Forms tab](#). The committee has worked with webmaster, Beth Winstead, to convert the form to all digital. Chapters can now [download the form](#), type directly in the form, and email it to the regional director before the March 1 due date.

Membership Reminder

Membership Committee

Mary Beth Dailey, Chair



The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the New Leader training sessions. We hope that the information will assist you in your chapter leadership position. Please remember that it is *extremely important* to send Form 6 as soon as there is a death in your chapter. See page 3 for the information for those who should receive Form 6.

Educational Law and Policy Committee Wants *You!*


Educational Law & Policy Committee
Susan Phipps, EL&P Chair



Members of the Educational Law & Policy Committee constantly monitor what is happening in Raleigh and Washington. The whirlwind NC legislative "short session" that just ended passed the state budget for the coming school year without open hearings or joint committee meetings of both Republicans and Democrats. The budget was brought to the floor of both the House and the Senate for votes without the possibility of suggested amendments. Many of the needs of North Carolina schools were not met in this budget.

Other legislation from this session that has the potential to impact NC schools and children is a constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in November. The amendment seeks to put a cap on the NC income tax rate at 7%. Currently, the state rate is capped at 10%, but the current income tax rate is only 5.499%. This tells us that the actual rate is not out of control, so why fix something that is not broken? Looking at the long range impact of this issue and taking into consideration inflation and that tomorrow's needs are totally unknown, future budgets for schools and child protection and well-being could be stifled by a 7% cap. But keep in mind, voters who come to the polls will not know that this amendment could potentially hurt schools and children. Who doesn't like the idea of keeping taxes low? We have a Trojan horse here.

Of course, each one needs to weigh the issue for herself. More information can be found at the "Public Schools First NC" website. Between now and November we ask you to study the issue and spread the word about this NC constitutional amendment. Plan ahead and share your thoughts with others.



Vision Statement
Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

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

NC DKG Educational Foundation Tees Up Success

NC DKG Educational Foundation Board
Sheila Groves, NC DKG EF Communications Chair

The Educational Foundation is really getting into the *swing* of things for the coming year.



Our spring fundraiser, *Tee It Up for Teachers*, generated \$6,670 for the Foundation grants program supporting NC teachers and students. Gift cards, golf items, and snacks, donated by members and chapters, all helped to make the *first* charity golf tournament a success and lots of fun! If you missed this year's event, don't worry, there

are already plans in the works for a *second* tournament in 2019.

The Foundation would like to remind members that information about applying for grants is available on the [Foundation web site](#). Grant amounts have been increased and now offer assistance up to \$500. Foundation Grant proposals are due September 30. Teachers in Burke and Caldwell counties may also apply for Betsy and Fred Cranford Limited Endowment grants. Information about the Cranford Endowment grant is found at www.alphanunc.weebly.com and application is due September 1.

Eta State chapters are encouraged to learn more about the NC DKG Educational Foundation and its benefits for members. Please contact Dr. Judy Carlson, board chairman, judithb125@gmail.com to arrange for a board member to share information at one of your chapter meetings. The Foundation invites all chapters to explore the possibility of establishing a limited endowment to support educational endeavors in your area.

Read more about *your* Foundation on our website, ncdkgef.org, and in our newest publication for members, *In a Nutshell*.



**NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant
Deadline: September 30, 2018**

DKG Convention Austin 2018

Highlights & News from the 2018 DKG International Convention

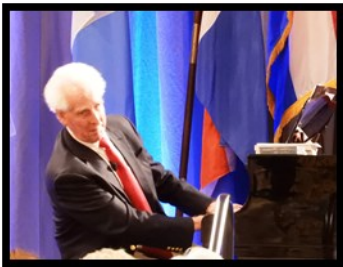
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President Connie Savell & Dr. Rhonda Hager greet NC members

Eta State NC President Connie Savell greeted 39 NC members as delegates gathered in their assigned areas for the first of five general meetings. 2016-2018 International President Carolyn Pittman called the convention to order and Headquarters Staff presented their reports. Members then prepared to begin voting on numerous proposed amendments to the *International Constitution and Standing Rules*. For the first time, delegates voted for amendments using a digital voting device that instantly recorded and displayed the results of each vote.

The five-day convention included keynote speaker Benjamin Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, teacher of thousands of musicians, renowned speaker on leadership and co-author of the book *The Art of Possibility*. Zander spoke to attendees about the universal need for nurturing personal growth. He inspired members to look at the combined possibilities in leadership, optimism, and the arts while exploring the future of the DKG organization.



Benjamin Zander
Keynote Speaker

Thirty-nine Eta State NC members attended one or more days of the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas. The JW Marriott in downtown Austin was a wonderful setting for the numerous gatherings, meetings, and breakout sessions.



Nadia Lopez
Keynote Speaker

Nadia Lopez, the second keynote speaker, is a principal, educational leader, and author of *The Bridge to Brilliance: How One Principal in a Tough Community Is Inspiring the World*. As founder and principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy in Brownsville, Brooklyn, Ms. Lopez addressed the downward educational trend in a neighborhood that had given up on its students. She and her staff worked to liberate her students through education. Her inspiring message to educators is to mentor others, remain passionate, invest in yourself, and remember your purpose.

Inspirations for each of the five general meetings were presented by members of DKGNext. Recent doctoral graduates were recognized with presentation of their cords. Dr. Sara Massey and Pat Taylor provided musical inspirations, others participated in the Convention Chorus, and several members presented breakout sessions including Malinda Pennington's remote presentation that was among the first-ever virtual presentations at a DKG International Convention.

More than 100 breakout sessions provided participants with updated and relevant knowledge and opportunities to network with other DKG members. Ten-minute Takeaways were quick and informal discussions on a variety of topics.

During the Celebration Banquet, President Carolyn Pittman presented the president's gavel to 2018-2020 International President, Cathy Daugherty. Ms. Daugherty announced that we will continue the theme *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide* for the 2018-2020 biennium. This convention was a gathering that honored traditions and also ushered in changes for DKG.



Eta State NC Members Sparkle At International

Several Eta State NC leaders have been selected to serve on DKG International committees. **Sheila Groves** (*Region VII, Beta Delta*), Eta State NC immediate past president, will serve on the DKG Constitution Committee. **Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon** (*Region IX, Alpha Gamma*), Eta State NC Executive Secretary, will continue on the Editorial Board. *Eta Data* Editor, **Susan Kuenzel** (*Region IX, Delta Chi*), will chair the DKG Communications and Marketing (previously Publicity) Committee.

Our state leaders continue to *sparkle* as they share their knowledge and talents with members throughout the Society. Congratulations on being recognized for your leadership abilities!

International Dates to Remember

2018

- Aug. 5 DKG Arts & Humanities submissions for Fall Gallery opens
- Sept. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- Sept. 5 Submissions due for DKG Arts & Humanities Fall Gallery
- Oct. 1 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- Nov. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Award
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 15 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

2019

- Jan. 3 Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation project applications
- Feb. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- Feb. 1 DKG International Scholarship applications due
- Feb. 5 Submissions due for DKG Arts & Humanities Spring Gallery
- Mar. 1 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- May 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- May 15 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 21-24 Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Asheville, NC
- June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza,

DKG News to Be Online Only

During the May, 2018 DKG Administrative Board meeting, members approved that all issues of the *DKG*



News will be published online *only*. Members will no longer receive this publication by mail.

Rising costs for printing and mailing this newsletter and declining DKG membership are the reasons for this change. Be sure to watch the DKG website for notices when the bimonthly newsletter has been posted.

A Few Notes About DKG Constitution & Standing Rules Changes

Below are a few changes to the DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* from the 2018 International Convention:

- Society name will remain **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**
- State names will be geographical
- Communications & Publicity Committee changed to Communications & Marketing Committee
- Undergraduate & graduate education degree students may be invited to join DKG
- The word Initiation is changed to Induction
- Chapter may meet/vote by electronic format
- Eliminates International portion of initiation fee & distributes to chapters
- Dues payment is aligned to DKG fiscal year beginning in 2019-2020

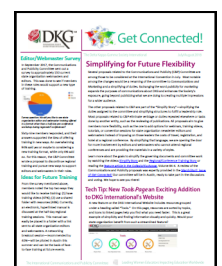
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Alpha Lambda Celebrates 60th Birthday

Alpha Lambda Communications Committee Chair
Wanda Love

Alpha Lambda Chapter (Region XI, Henderson) met on May 5 at The Cedars in Hendersonville for the final meeting of the 2016-2018 biennium.



Dual language teacher, **Brooke Romesberg**, Bruce Drysdale Elementary, was initiated as Alpha Lambda's newest member.

Becky Kirtley, retiring secretary, having served for two biennia, was recognized as Member of the Year.

New officers (**Linda Soble**, President; **Jill Jackson**, First Vice-President; **Carol Walters**, Second Vice-President; and **Connie Brown**, Secretary) were installed.

Organized in 1958, Alpha Lambda celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with recollections and recognitions from the past and birthday cake. **Elizabeth Rogers**, charter member, who celebrated her 100th birthday last September joined the chapter for the festivities.

Beta Lambda Observes 50 Year Anniversary

Beta Lambda Past President
Beth Croom

Beta Lambda Chapter (Region II, Wayne) recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They were chartered May 4, 1968. **Barbara Howard**, a member of DKG since 1967, is the only surviving charter member. Pictured with her is her daughter, **Beth Croom**, a member since 1989.



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Spring Cookout for Warren County New Teachers

Gamma Chi Communications & Publicity Chair
Nancy Tunstall

Gamma Chi Chapter (Region III, Warren) recently sponsored a spring cookout for new teachers to help them celebrate their first year of teaching in Warren County. The event was held at Richard and Elaine Blankenship's lake house on Lake Gaston.



Richard's mother, Nancy *New teachers Trinity Mudungo (Warren County High School), Wakisha Turrentine (Warren County and a charter member of Gamma Chi. The Blankenship family supports Gamma Chi to honor their mother's memory and her love of Delta Kappa Gamma by contributing to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund.*

Members of the chapter and new teachers enjoyed good food and fellowship together. Having welcomed the new teachers to Warren County last fall with goodie bags, it was only fitting that Gamma Chi members should help the new teachers close out their school year with a celebratory cookout.

Beta Alpha Helps Stop Summer Hunger

Beta Alpha Past President
Linda Marsal

Beta Alpha (Region II, Pitt), in support of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, spent a morning bagging potatoes at the Greenville Branch. Over 8,000 children through 200 agencies receive food from the Food Bank. In summer, with schools closed, the needs are more critical. It was hard work, but the fellowship and doing something for our community made it a special day for Beta Alpha sisters.



Alpha Nu Diamond Anniversary

Alpha Nu Editor

Dr. Sherry Willis



Alpha Nu 2018-2020 Leadership: Glenda Foster, First Vice-President; Penni Robinson, President; Elizabeth Berry, Second Vice-President; Michelle Barrier, Secretary; Ann Aldridge, Treasurer; Margaret Church, Parliamentarian

On May 4, 2018, members of **Alpha Nu Chapter** (Region X, Caldwell & Burke) gathered to celebrate their Diamond Anniversary! It was a grand evening sparkling with great fun, food, music and fellowship. Members were treated to a display of chapter memorabilia collected over the past 60 years. Slide shows offered a nostalgic review of past events, projects and beloved chapter members. A skit in the format of a talk show kept members guessing who was going to be recognized next as a special "celebrity guest."

Alpha Nu was very pleased to have Eta State NC President Connie Savell, Region X Director Amanda Moose and Dr. Judith Carlson, chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, attending the celebration. In a nod toward the future, officers for the new biennium were installed. Alpha Nu Chapter is looking forward to 60 more sparkling years!

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Delta Tau Sparkles

Delta Tau Editor

Wendy Bagwell

May 24, 2018, was a big day for **Delta Tau** (Region X, Cleveland)! The chapter initiated three new members and installed new officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. President **Valerie Boyd**, Vice-President **Lisa May**, Secretary **Donna Logan**, and Treasurer **Bendatra McDowell** are all looking forward to their new positions within the chapter.

At the conclusion of the regular business meeting, membership chairman, **Lori Walters**, recognized one of Delta Tau's founding members and Eta State NC President, **Connie Savell**. Connie has been a member of DKG for more than 30 years, serving two chapters in many capacities. Delta Tau members are most grateful for her leadership and guidance in the chartering of our chapter in August 2011. As we continued to grow, Connie's leadership and expertise have led Delta Tau to bigger endeavors and encouraged members to live out the purposes that Delta Kappa Gamma exemplifies.

In addition to a brick purchased in Connie's honor for Eta State Headquarters, the chapter presented her with her own 'brick.' Symbolizing her efforts toward the growth of Delta Tau, **Megan Allen** painted and presented a brick to represent Connie's work in DKG. **Hilda Leonard**, also a founding member, wrote a special poem for Connie that was read by **Lori Walters** as part of the presentation.

Delta Tau is grateful for **Connie Savell's** leadership of the women of Delta Kappa Gamma, both locally and statewide.



Megan Allen (center) and Lori Walters (right) pay tribute to Connie Savell (left) for her hard work and efforts in serving DKG. Connie is holding the red brick that was given to her by Delta Tau Chapter.

Fall Executive Board Meeting - Elon

September 15, 2018

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2018

Registration Form - [available here](#)

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Delta Sigma

(Region X, Lincoln)

Judy Jones starred in *Always... Patsy Cline* presented by the Foothills Players Theatre in May. The production was held at the Mildred H. Keeter Auditorium in Shelby, NC. Judy continues to use her skills as a wonderful storyteller. We are proud of her accomplishments in the theatre!

Congratulations to **Gayle Reid** on her retirement from Lincoln County Schools. Gayle was also the recipient of the Region X Golden Key Award this year. Thank you, Gayle, for your dedication and service. Enjoy your retirement. It is well-deserved!

Jennifer Carroll was recently named as principal for North Brook Elementary. Jennifer assumed her new duties on July 1st. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Congratulations to **Kristen Reynolds** as she assumes a new position as Assistant Principal/Title I Teacher at G.E. Massey Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year.

Gamma Delta

(Region IX, Ashe & Alleghany)



Elaine Cox, a member of **Gamma Delta Chapter**, has been selected as the principal of the new Ashe County Early College opening in August. Elaine has been an elementary language arts and math teacher, a high school English teacher, and a high school Literacy Specialist. Ms.

Cox served as Assistant Principal of Ashe County Middle School for the past 8 ½ years. Elaine holds a 6-12 English degree and K-12 AIG certification.

Ashe Early College will be located on the Ashe Campus of Wilkes Community College. The program will be student-centered to provide individualized instruction, academic tutoring, and allow students to become involved in the community through service-learning opportunities integrated into the curriculum. Elaine is thrilled to be asked to begin this new venture for students and teachers.

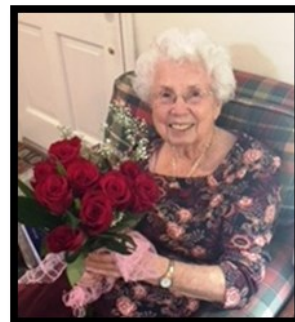
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October 10, 2018**

Mu

(Region I, Edgecomb & Nash)

Wanda Margaret Lewis is celebrating 60 years as a **Mu Chapter** DKG member! When asked what she remembers most fondly, she stated it was her initiation. She was very honored to be asked to join DKG and the ceremony was so moving. Wanda shared that she has stayed a faithful member because of the support and fellowship that she feels from all of her DKG sisters.

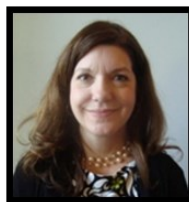
Ms. Lewis is 91 years old, walks with a walker, does not hear or see well but still comes to all of our meetings!



Brandi Simonof is also a member of **Mu Chapter**. She teaches science at Southern Nash High School in Bailey, NC. Brandi has been selected for the USDA-sponsored Sustainable Bioproducts and Bioenergy Professional Development Program. Among the benefits of being an SBBP participant, Ms. Simonof will receive approximately \$6,850 in participation stipends, multiple professional development opportunities from NC State University, and a science kit for her classroom.

Alpha Lambda

(Region XI, Henderson)



Anne Boyette, a member of **Alpha Lambda** and teacher at Hendersonville Middle School, is the NC middle school teacher nominee for the Harris History Teacher Award. This nomination comes from the North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, administrator of the National History Day program in North Carolina.

Teachers nominated for this award demonstrate a commitment to engaging students in historical learning. Nominees' work must clearly illustrate the development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past.

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Iota

(Region II, Wayne)

Charlotte Brow, Laura Buddin, and Tracy Schmeltzer, members of **Iota Chapter**, were recognized at the National Institute for Staff Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference in Austin, Texas.

Charlotte Brow, chairperson of the Wayne Community College Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences Department and history instructor, was presented the George E. Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award for outstanding service and teaching excellence. She received a special medallion that will be worn with her formal attire at commencements and other academic ceremonies. **Tracy Schmeltzer**, Dean of Business and Computer Technologies, also received the teaching excellence award in absentia.



Laura Buddin, Math Department Chair at Wayne Community College, assisted in leading a roundtable session concerning "Academic Integrity in an Online Environment" during the conference.

Southeast Regional Conference

June 27-29, 2019

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Eta State NC Dates to Remember

2018

- September 5 Deadline for Executive Board Meeting registration
- September 15 Eta State Executive Board Meeting
Elon Community Church
Elon, NC
- September 30 Deadline for NC DKG Educational Foundation grant application
- October 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Carol Bostian](#)
- November 10 Dues due to state treasurer
- November 15 Nominations for state officers due
- November 15 990-N epostcard due to IRS

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- January 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Carol Bostian](#)
- February 1 Founders Award nominations due
- February 1 Annual Reports due
(Chapter President & Chapter Necrology)
- February 1 *Eta State* Scholarship applications due
- March 1 *Eta State* Award Submissions due
(Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star, Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards)
- March 22-23 *Eta State* Leadership Seminar
Caraway Conference Center
- April 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Carol Bostian](#)
- May 3-5 *Eta State* NC Convention
Crowne Plaza
Hickory, NC Region X
- January 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Carol Bostian](#)
- June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference
Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort
Asheville, NC
- July 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Carol Bostian](#)
- July 15 Chapter Treasurer's Annual Report (Form 15) due to state treasurer