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Meet the 2017-2019 Eta State Executive Board Officers



Connie Savell, President; Dr. Teresa Cowan, 1st Vice-President; Elizabeth Miars, 2nd Vice-President; Nancy Teague, Recording Secretary.

Congratulations to the new executive team!

The 2017-2019 Eta State NC officers were officially elected at the Saturday morning Executive Board meeting held at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside. The officers were installed during Saturday's banquet. Eta State NC is fortunate to have qualified leaders at the helm for the next two years. The Spring edition of *Eta State News* on the Eta State website has a short biography of the officers, where you can more about them.

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnspring2017.pdf>

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2017 Eta State Scholarship Winners

Leslie Baldwin received the \$4000.00 Doctoral Scholarship. She is pursuing an Ed D. in Educational Leadership from UNC-Greensboro.

Meredith Fychok received the \$1000.00 Master's Scholarship. She is obtaining her Master's degree in Literacy at UNC-Chapel Hill, through a Master's for Experienced Teachers cohort.

Misty Watson received the \$500.00 Special Projects Scholarship toward her National Board Certification renewal process.



Dr. Kim Pemberton, Scholarship Committee Chair, with Leslie Baldwin, Misty Watson, and Meredith Fychok

2016 Scholarship Winners Thankful for Eta State Scholarship



Malinda Pennington, Elisabeth Harrell, and Lindsey Walker. Meredith Fychok was also a Scholarship winner in 2016.

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



Sheila V. Groves
Eta State President
2015-2017

*I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but people will
never forget how you made them feel.*

– Maya Angelou

As I reflect on the last two years as Eta State President, I'm overwhelmed with feelings: honored to have been your president; proud of member, chapter, and state accomplishments; surprised the time has gone by so quickly!

It was a delight to visit chapters across the state. I learned a lot about NC geography, but more about the enthusiasm and dedication members have for the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. In every chapter, I felt the genuine spiritual fellowship that binds members of this Society around the world. From fashion to fossils, I marveled at the diversity of interests and unique personality of each chapter. I was touched by member generosity and the desire to support projects that make a difference in the lives of others. I was impressed by innovative chapter activities giving DKG a face in our communities. I shared the joy of chapter and member recognition for outstanding achievements.

It was refreshing to find new members eager to get involved. I was delighted to celebrate Rising Stars from all areas of the state, women in their early years of membership displaying leadership potential. How exciting to know that young members are discovering DKG opportunities to meet like-minded women, make friends, advance their careers, and develop as leaders in their schools and communities.

As chapters looked for leadership, I felt the anxiety and admired the courage of members volunteering for new assignments. Watching those ladies *survive* and thrive in nurturing chapter environments was an endorsement of our Society and its dedication to promoting personal and professional growth. It was inspiring to see members mentoring members, not only initiates but the continuing support for those who took on new roles. I felt the satisfaction of seasoned members acting as collaborators and advisers, keeping meaningful traditions and Society Purposes alive.

I was awed by member loyalty, humbled by your kindness, and strengthened by your positive attitudes. You enriched my life. I know you will move forward with fresh confidence and courage. Seek new adventures with open arms. Imagine new projects with lofty goals and keep Eta State moving forward.

I treasure my two years as president.

Thank you, Eta State sisters. I will always remember how you made me feel. *sheila*

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Please insert Eta State NC in the
subject line when sending an
email to state officers.
Thanks!



In Memoriam
~White Roses~

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Doris Baxley	Tau	5/4/2016
Elizabeth Beavers	Zeta	8/27/2016
Bonita "Bonnie" Sue Blohm	Gamma Delta	8/28/2016
Mabel Morgan Brandon	Beta Mu	3/12/2017
Mary Brinson	Alphi Psi	12/1/2016
Barbara Morgan Broadwell	Alpha Omicron	2/11/2017
Wynona Arrington Butner	Beta Mu	2/23/2017
Sara W. Caldwell	Gamma Phi	2/21/2017
Evelyn Grant Doughtie	Alpha Kappa	3/4/2017
Vivian Callahan Estep	Nu	5/10/2016
Anne Faulkenberry	Alpha Psi	1/30/2017
Sue Angela Field	Beta Delta	10/27/2016
Mary Elizabeth Fulp	Beta Xi	1/17/2017
Dr. Ethel Chappell Glenn	Beta Gamma	4/8/2016
Betty "BJ" Jane Godfrey	Kappa	3/17/2017
Ruth Griffith	Alpha Xi	6/29/2016
Marian G. Grant	Gamma Theta	3/15/2017
Catherine Hall	Epsilon	5/3/2016
June Hammond	Omega	2/15/2015
Lena Sale Hedrick	Chi	3/27/2016
Mildred Sink Hill	Gamma Alpha	5/5/2016
Mary Mac Holmes	Pi	7/12/2016
Minnie Lou Irwin	Delta Gamma	2/9/2017
Stella Isenberg	Epsilon	12/26/2016
Tempie Jones	Beta Lambda	4/5/2017
Grace Ward Lingerfeldt	Gamma Sigma	9/21/2016
Mabel Roberson McIntyre	Beta Theta	6/22/2016
Pam Newell Nichols	Pi	5/21/2016
Dr. Patricia L. Peoples	Delta Xi	8/23/2016
Judith Ann Powers Perry	Gamma Alpha	4/25/2016
Mildred J. Sadler	Rho	3/15/2017
Martha D. Shepherd	Beta Omicron	12/10/2016
Mary Stevenson Shook	Alpha Gamma	3/25/2017
Christine Hellen Snuggs	Psi	10/15/2016
Gayle Grubbs Stoll	Omega	3/25/2016
Sarah B. Talley	Alpha Omega	2/8/2017
Marian Claire Timothy	Gamma Eta	2/12/2017
Catherine Vaughn	Alpha Chi	1/11/2017
Mary Albert Ward	Beta Iota	11/22/2016
JoAnn Wood Williford	Delta Mu	1/2/2017
Eva Higdon Wood	Alpha Iota	2/5/2017

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road
 And the sun has set for me
 I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
 Why cry for a soul set free?
 Miss me a little--but not too long

And not with your head bowed low.
 Remember the love that we once
 shared

Miss me--but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must
 take
 And each must go alone.
 It's all a part of the Master's plan
 A step on the road to home.
 When you are lonely and sick of heart
 Go to the friends we know
 And bury your sorrows in doing good
 deeds.

Miss Me - But Let me Go!
 Author Unknown

Mark Your Calendar

<u>2017</u>	
June 23 - 25	Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Camp Caraway Asheboro, NC
July 19 - 22	SE Regional Conference Myrtle Beach, SC
September 9	Eta State Executive Board Meeting Elon University
<u>2018</u>	
April 27 - 29	Eta State Convention University Hilton Charlotte, NC Region VI

Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and to Eta State NC. The updated interactive report form (Form 6) is available at 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 NC Treasurer, Ruth Bell Jones, rjonesdkg@gmail.com, Eta State NC Membership Chair, Carol Maidon, carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com, and State President, Sheila Groves, svgeta97@gmail.com.

July 10, 2017
 is the
 Next *Eta State News*
 Deadline

Mail to:
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Awards Committee *Edris Glover, Chairman*

The Awards Committee met before the 2016 and 2017 conventions to make the final choices for the Rising Star Awards, Golden Key Awards, and the Chapter Achievement Awards. The Founders Award is given the last year of each biennium if a candidate is nominated.

The Chapter Achievement Award form was revised in July 2016 using recommendations and suggestions from members and the awards team. The revisions to the form make it easier to read and give each chapter the ability to gain points.

Thank you to all chapters who participated in the awards by sending in nominations. The Golden Key winners are revealed Friday night at the Opening General Meeting/Awards Night. The winners of the Rising Star Awards are announced during the Sunday Birthday Brunch. Thank you to First Vice-President Connie Savell and Patsyanna Barker for their assistance.

Communications Awards **Changing Procedures**

Nancy Tunstall, Chairman

Effective March 1, 2017, newsletters will no longer be **scored** by the Eta State NC Communications and Publicity (C&P) Committee. Instead, chapters interested in receiving the Newsletter Excellence Award or the Communications Excellence Award will need to provide **assurance** that their newsletters comply with the standards listed on the award forms found on the Eta State NC C&P web page at <http://www.ncdkg.org/communications--publicity-committee.html>

This change is occurring for several reasons. First, chapter newsletter editors have become very competent in producing quality newsletters. Second, it is becoming more and more difficult for the members of the Eta State NC C&P Committee to review and score the almost 300 chapter newsletters that we currently receive each year. The time and expertise of these members are needed in other areas of Eta State NC. The Eta State NC C&P Committee wants to be available to work with new editors and help them get established in writing newsletters. The committee will be available to give feedback to any editor who requests it. The committee appreciates that editors work diligently to determine what news that they need to share with their chapter members.

Educational Excellence Committee

Connie Savell, 1st Vice-President & Chairman



- Promoted new paradigm from International **Pick Your Passion!**
- Supported the three international goals:
 - Empowering women through leadership opportunities
 - Promoting Educational Excellence through programs and projects
 - Changing Global Awareness through collaboration worldwide
- Promoted Beginning Teacher Support and Schools for Africa throughout biennium
- Encouraged members to be well informed on legislative actions regarding education
- Trained chapter EEC chairmen at Summer Leader's Training in Wilson, Asheboro, and Black Mountain to promote leadership, personal growth, and the fine arts
- Collaborated with other state committees on educational excellence activities
- Encouraged committees to provide breakout sessions for conventions in 2016 and 2017
- Served as consultant and attended all the Leadership Development and Planning Committee meetings
- Collaborated with President to plan and implement the goals of Eta State
- Visited chapters across the state

Please be reminded that your chapter should have already begun the process of issuing newsletters and maintaining your website to receive awards at next year's convention. Newsletters should still be sent to the committee chair at etastatecommunication@gmail.com when they are distributed to members. They will still be *read and stored*, just not *scored*. The award cycle runs from March 1, 2017, through March 1, 2018. The three awards are the Newsletter Excellence Award, the Website Excellence Award, and the Communications Excellence Award. The first two are only given to chapters who do not qualify for the Communications Excellence Award. You should look at the forms **now** so that your chapter will be on track to receive an award(s). The Eta State NC C&P Committee is here to help your chapter improve your communications.



Deadline Approaching for Headquarters Brick Sale Project

Mary Pickett, Chairman

Educational Law & Policy Committee Sees Active Year

Susan Phipps, Chairman

The importance of keeping abreast of political decisions in Washington and Raleigh has been a priority of your Educational Policy and Law Committee in 2016-2017. Education funding is in jeopardy in both spheres and decision makers are often not well versed in the needs of America's public schools. To keep members aware of new developments in educational funding and legislation being considered, the ELP Committee has gathered a passionate group of Legislative Chapter Contacts who receive timely information about imminent laws under consideration by lawmakers. This information is then shared immediately with chapter members for possible action. Any chapter that does not have a Legislative Chapter Contact is urged to send the chapter name and the contact's name and personal email address to Susan Phipps at phipps@charter.net.

To familiarize our North Carolina lawmakers with Delta Kappa Gamma, the committee encourages all chapters to invite respective legislators to chapter meetings to discuss educational issues. Another effective way to enhance DKG's name recognition is for members to visit NC legislators and Congressional members at their local offices when they are at home during times of recess. And finally, the 2017 DKG Lobbying Day in Raleigh is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 31, from 11:00 to 2:00**, at the Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh. Please try to send a contingent from your chapter and send names to Susan Phipps at the email above.

The Headquarters Committee has set May 31, 2017 as the end date for the Headquarters Brick Sale. We appreciate all the chapters and individuals who have already purchased engraved bricks. Buying a paving brick to line the Headquarters front walk is a special way to honor past and present DKG members. There are 103 chapters in Eta State. How exciting it would be if each chapter bought at least one brick to pay tribute to the chapter and its members!

Proceeds will be used to maintain the headquarters building. This is a worthwhile project that will bring pleasure and pride for years to come.

Please, do not delay in choosing to honor members and chapters with engraved bricks. Order forms can be found on the Eta State website. The cost of each specially engraved brick is \$125.00. Send order forms and money to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones, 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858. Please remember the deadline is **May 31, 2017**. Bricks will be ordered after the deadline date. The Headquarters Committee is excited about displaying the many special tributes for different chapters and individuals.



Forms for the "Pave the Way for DKG Memories" can be found on the website link below:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017bricks.pdf>

Finance Committee Biennium Report

Jean Yelverton, Chairman

Your Eta State Finance Committee strives to financially accommodate the activities of the Society within the parameters of the current budget and with a declining income. In creating the budget for the next biennium, we carefully reviewed the expenses of the past biennium and considered increases in projected expenses. We gratefully appreciate the efforts of every elected and selected officer, regional director, chapter, and committee member who has donated services,

food, and personal expenses for Eta State. Our primary foci for 2016-2017 include (1) monitoring the finances against the current budget, (2) determining the number of scholarships, (3) managing vendor requests for the convention, (4) considering committee requests, and (5) creating a budget for the next biennium. Invaluable contributions of leadership, guidance, and information have been provided by our ex-officio members, President Sheila Groves, Treasurer Ruth Jones, and consultant Executive Secretary Barbara Perry-Sheldon.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Leadership Seminar
Has More Space Available**

Linda Little, Chairman

Have you ever thought how wonderful it would be to participate in a setting where you could relax and braid your strengths with others in order to create collaborative and productive DKG work and family teams? Well, our June 23-25, 2017 Leadership Seminar at the Caraway Conference Center will enable you to bring your thoughts to a reality. This seminar is designed to provide each participant opportunities for personal assessment of her leadership skills and engage her in cooperative learning activities which will enhance her professional and personal abilities. Several slots are still available, but you MUST act quickly if this sounds like something you'd like to do.

Registrations are available on our webpage and please contact **Linda Little before May 23** to let her know of your interest. (252) 671-9426 is the best number to reach her or email her at llittle4143@gmail.com (the first letter is a small "L" and not an "I.")

<http://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>

Nominations Committee Biennium Report

Ellen Gragg, Chairman

The Nominations Committee presented nominations for the 2017-2019 Biennium at the 2017 Wilmington convention: President, Connie Phifer Savell; First Vice-President, Dr. Teresa Cowan; Second Vice-President, Elizabeth Herring Miars; and Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Teague. All nominees were elected to fill the offices to the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Would you like to serve on a state committee?

Fill out a form found at ncdkg.org and send to in-coming President Connie Savell at

cps2017eta@gmail.com

**Announcement:
Opening for Eta State Webmaster**

Suzi Cabe, Chairman

The Personnel Committee will accept applications for the position of Eta State Webmaster until June 5, 2017. The position is for a six-year term beginning July 1, 2017. A job description and application form are available on the website at www.ncdkg.org.

Candidates will be interviewed early June 2017 at a location central to the applicants. A recommendation is anticipated by mid-June 2017, and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Executive Board for action.

Please send your application to:
Suzi Cabe, Chairman, Personnel Committee
141 Phillips Ln
Franklin, NC 28734

Please direct any questions to Suzi at
828-371-2206

Reminders for Chapter Treasurers

Ruth Jones, Treasurer

As you approach the end of the fiscal year, June 30, please note these reminders:

1. Spring initiates should be reported on Form 18 by June 10. Send two copies, along with the Initiate card and \$5.00 fee, to Ruth Jones, Eta State Treasurer.
2. The Annual Report, Form 15, should be mailed to state treasurer by July 15.
3. It's a good idea to file the 990n report with the IRS when you are preparing the annual report. Instructions are on Eta State website. Send confirmation of filing to state treasurer.

All forms may be obtained online. It is important to meet these deadlines so that all chapters can be included in reports that will be submitted to International. Thank you for all you do for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ....

DKG Statement of Neutrality

“A strength of DKG women is their knowledge and involvement in the world of education and events that impact educators and learners. DKG members ask questions before they take action. They take action, use their voices, and know they make a difference. They are reasonable and open-minded, and they live in the world with passionate care.

Controversies surrounding the transition of power in the United States have motivated DKG members to ask how the Society itself can “take a stand.” In response to these inquiries, we offer the following statement of nonprofit neutrality.”

The DKG Statement of Neutrality is located on the Educational Law & Policy Committee page of the Eta State website. Please read the statement and be aware of the policy before speaking out in the name of DKG at the chapter, state, or international level. A meeting with legislators is planned for May 31 in Raleigh. Chapters need to be cognizant of the policy before asking a political figure to speak at a meeting.

Thank you for your adherence to the policy.

<http://www.ncdkg.org/educational-law--policy-committee.html>

Looking for a Few Good Women ---From Many

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? DKGNext! 2016-2018 will involve a diverse mix of up to ten members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017. Click on the link below for the application and follow the directions.

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Forms/Applications/DKGMember/Forms/Applications.aspx?hkey=304b7921-fc47-4c95-be94-b2d68b581495>

**THANK YOU
to the
EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS
for
SERVING ETA STATE
during the
2015-2017 BIENNIUM**



Sheila Groves, Connie Savell, Sharon Frazier, Hilda Parlèr

Meet the *Eta State News* Editor

Carol Bostian, Nu Chapter, will be the *Eta State News* Editor as of July 1, 2017. Carol was approved by the Executive Board at the Eta State Convention. Carol comes with quality credentials including:

- Taught Kindergarten in Catawba County for 41 years (Newton)
- National Board Certified Teacher
- Trainer for the NC Teacher Academy - 1996 to 2011 when NCTA was disbanded due to budget cuts
- Member in Delta Kappa Gamma since 2000
- Nu Chapter President – 2006-2008 & 2016-2018
- Presenter at numerous Eta State conventions & 2015 Southeast Regional Conference
- Nu Chapter newsletter Editor – 2010 to present
- Member of NC Educational Foundation Communications Committee – 2016 to present



Congratulations to Carol.
etastatenewseditor@gmail.com



Wilmington, 2017 Convention News

The Awards Committee is proud to announce the winners of the 2017 Member and Chapter Awards. Give a hand to the following recipients:

2017 Founders Day Award

Dr. Janis P. Meeks, Ed. D.

See page 22 for Janis' biography



Dr. Janis P. Meeks with President Sheila

2017 Rising Star Awards

Sarah T. Davis	Region I	Beta Upsilon
Misty Watson	Region II	Omicron
Elizabeth A. Barnette	Region III	Gamma Chi
Tammy Albright	Region IV	Delta Iota
Jennifer Jackson Bass	Region IV	Delta Mu
Becky L. Carr	Region IV	Upsilon
Andrea M. Byers	Region IX	Delta Chi
Dee Snyder	Region X	Nu
Jennifer Walker	Region X	Delta Tau
Stephanie L. Patton	Region XI	Alpha Phi



Rising Star Award Recipients

2017 Golden Key Awards

Brenda N. White	Region I	Beta Upsilon
Marsha Irvin	Region II	Omicron
Mary Thompson Austell	Region III	Gamma Chi
Juanita Snow	Region IV	Upsilon
Mary Beth Dailey	Region VII	Beta Omicron
Tommie Wall	Region VIII	Alpha Zeta
Dr. Susan Blackburn	Region IX	Delta Chi
Donna Rudisill	Region X	Nu



Golden Key Award Recipients

2017 Presidential Chapter Awards

Nu Chapter	Region X	Carol Bostian, Pres.
Gamma Chi	Region III	Debra Clayton, Pres.
Alpha Nu	Region X	Mary Lou Furr, Pres.
Alpha Psi	Region II	Wendy Miller, Pres.
Delta Rho	Region VI	Patricia Pemberton, Pres.



*Presidential Chapter Award Recipients
with President Sheila*



Chapters Earning Distinctive Achievement

- Region I: Pi, Alpha Omega, Beta Theta, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Lambda, and Delta Zeta
- Region II: Delta, Iota, Omicron, Beta Alpha, and Delta Xi
- Region III: Gamma Theta and Gamma Iota
- Region IV: Gamma Xi and Delta Mu
- Region V: Eta and Alpha Pi
- Region VI: Tau
- Region VII: Beta Beta
- Region IX: Zeta and Beta Nu
- Region X: Gamma Phi
- Region XI: Gamma

Chapters Earning Excellent Achievement

- Region I: Mu
- Region II: Gamma Epsilon
- Region IV: Upsilon
- Region VII: Chi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Delta, Beta Xi, and Beta Omicron
- Region VIII: Kappa, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Tau
- Region IX: Delta Chi
- Region X: Delta Sigma and Delta Tau
- Region XI: Alpha Phi

Chapters Earning Superior Achievement

- Region II: Alpha Psi
- Region III: Gamma Chi
- Region VI: Delta Rho
- Region IX: Alpha Gamma
- Region X: Nu and Alpha Nu
- Region XI: Alpha Iota and Alpha Lambda

Chapters Earning the Presidential Award

- Region II: Alpha Psi
- Region III: Gamma Chi
- Region VI: Delta Rho
- Region X: Nu and Alpha Nu

Congratulations to all chapters for sustaining outstanding performances this year.

Hope Harbor Home in Brunswick County



Tammy Albright, Delta Iota, suggested Hope Harbor Home for victims of domestic violence as the 2017 convention project. Members recognized the importance of Hope Harbor Home and gave generously. When reporting the final totals during the Sunday Brunch, Tammy stated, “When the word goes out, DKG sisters will provide – WOW!” Give yourselves a big hand! Look at the totals in merchandise, gift cards, and money.

Merchandise

School and Office Supplies	1010
Health and Beauty goods	420
Clothing	39
Household goods	115
Medicine	11
DVDs	21
Packaged Food	18

Monetary Gifts

- \$128 Cash
- \$660 Checks
- 310 Gift Cards
- 223 gift card of unknown amounts

The home is very thankful for the generosity of DKG members.



The Communications Committee is proud to announce the winners of the new 2017 Communications Award and the newsletter and website awards. Give a hand to the following recipients:

**The New Communications
Excellence Awards 2017**

Region III	Gamma Chi
Region IV	Upsilon
Region VI	Lambda
	Delta Rho
Region VII	Chi
	Alpha Upsilon
Region VIII	Alpha Zeta
Region X	Nu
	Alpha Nu
Region XI	Gamma
	Alpha Iota

Region I – Newsletter – Mu, Pi, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Omega, Beta Theta, Beta Upsilon, and Delta Zeta
Website – Mu, Alpha Omega, Gamma Lambda, and Delta Zeta

Region II – Newsletter - Iota, Omicron, Sigma, Alpha Psi, Gamma Epsilon, and Delta Xi
Website – Delta, Omicron, Sigma, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, and Gamma Epsilon

Region III – Newsletter - Alpha Beta, Gamma Theta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Omicron, and Gamma Tau
Website – Alpha Beta and Gamma Tau

Region IV – Newsletter - Theta, Gamma Xi, and Delta Mu
Website – Upsilon

Region V – Newsletter - Eta, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Pi, and Delta Gamma
Website – Eta, Alpha Pi, and Beta Iota

Region VI – Newsletter - Tau, Phi, Gamma Sigma, and Delta Omicron
Website – Tau and Gamma Sigma

Region VII – Newsletter - Alpha, Alpha Delta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, and Gamma Alpha
Website – Alpha Delta and Beta Delta

Region VIII – Newsletter - Epsilon, Kappa, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, and Gamma Pi
Website – Kappa, Beta Tau and Delta Pi

Region IX – Newsletter - Zeta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, and Delta Chi
Website – Zeta, Alpha Theta, Beta Nu, and Delta Chi

Region X – Newsletter - Gamma Phi and Delta Sigma

Region XI – Newsletter - Alpha Lambda and Alpha Phi
Website – Alpha Lambda, Alpha Phi, and Gamma Upsilon



Eleven Chapters qualified for the
2017 Communications Award

**Congratulations to all of the
excellent communicators!**



**A Note From Kristine
(Kiki) Neale to Chorus
Members**

There is something very special about being in a group that makes music together. Research shows that when a choir has sung together over a long period of time, the singers' heartbeats synchronize during rehearsal

and performance. While the convention chorus may not have enough time in our brief, frenetic rehearsals to synchronize our beats, I assure you that you all have found your way into my heart all the same. I so appreciate your attitude, your cheerfulness, and your willingness to work and sing year after year - I am writing this the day after I got home from convention and I am bone tired, but happy for the experience. It has been my joy!



2017 Convention Chorus



Dr. Barbara Day greets The Honorable Bill Saffo, Mayor of Wilmington, after he welcomed the convention attendees.



Willie Ruth Harriett wins one of many door prizes.



Judy & Thommi

Bravo to Region IV for a spectacular convention. Special thanks to Thommi Stammer, Convention Chairman, and Judy Busick, Convention Arrangements Chairman, for planning and executing a convention to remember.



Convention Business:

- All amendments to the *Standing Rules* and the Eta State organization *Bylaws* passed unanimously.
- 296 members registered for all or part-time attendance.
- 45 First-Timers.
- Biennium 2017-2019 Officer Elections: Connie Savell, President; Dr. Teresa Cowan, First Vice-President; Elizabeth Miars, Second Vice-President; and Nancy Teague, Recording Secretary were elected by unanimous vote.
- The 2018 Eta State Convention will be held at the University Hilton, Charlotte, NC with Region VI.
- Collected \$1547.12 for State Headquarters
- Voted to adopt all digital distribution of *Eta State News*.
- Heard reports from all officers, appointed personnel, and committee chairmen.
- Voted to add the position of Webmaster to the Appointed Personnel.
- Adopted the 2017-2018 Budget.
- Appointed Linda Little and Susan Kuenzel to prepare the Eta State North Carolina Updated History, 2007-2017.
- NC Education Foundation held the 2nd Annual Meeting.
- Accepted Personnel Committee’s recommendation to add Carol Bostian to Appointed Personnel as *Eta State Editor* 2017-2023.
- North Carolina Education Foundation held Second Annual Meeting.



The New Hanover Steel Cats were a huge hit. President Sheila was so excited, she led a Congo line through the meeting room!



Dr. Teresa Cowan leads DKG Dancers



Linda Novorska SE Regional Director

Convention Entertainment:

- The Convention Chorus led by Kiki Neale
- The New Hanover Steel Cats
- Kiki Neale, Patricia Taylor, Dr. Suzanne Irwin for providing Entrance and Exiting music.
- DKG Dancers led by Dr. Teresa Cowan
- Linda Navorska for playing the clarinet with the chorus during the Ceremony of Remembrance.

Convention Speakers:

- Associate Professor at ECU, Dr. Kaye B. Dotson, speaking on *Fostering Leadership: The Power of Empowering Women*
- Ann Ipock, author of several books and humorist
- Linda Navorska brought International greetings



Dr. Kaye P. Dotson, Associate Professor at ECU and member of Alpha Lambda Chapter



Dr. Teresa Cowan introduced author and humorist, Ann Ipock



Wilmington 2017 Convention News

Members Enjoying the Convention



The Membership Committee, along with the Convention Chorus and guest Linda Navorska, presented a beautiful and touching Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday morning.



Faithful members Dot Carter and Margaret Church.



Charlene Wertz, Peggy Jackson, and Lynne Nadel are ready for the meeting.



Sarah Mohr won \$50.00 for being the first beginning teacher to register for convention.



Sharon Sullivan and Dr. Ann Pember wait for the Ceremony of Remembrance to begin.



Outgoing President Sheila Groves pins the Presidents' pin on incoming President Connie Savell. Connie officially begins as President on July 1, 2017.



Sarah Mohr, Karen Buhrman, and Joyce Newton wait patiently (?) for their meal.



Past President Pat Taylor welcomes President Sheila Groves to the Order of the Dogwood.



Connie Savell presents President Sheila with a beautiful Ben Owen Chinese Red Edo Jar from the officers as a parting gift and remembrance of her 2015-2017 Biennium.



Beta Delta Chapter Awards Two Grants-in-Aid

Beta Delta Chapter has awarded Shaw-Lewis Grants-in-Aid to two early career educators in Guilford County. Michelle Bauer teaches first grade at Northwood Elementary School in High Point. Her grant will permit a variety of seating options for her students; she writes, "Having balance balls, wobble chairs, and bean bag chairs help in letting students learn where they are comfortable and take ownership of their learning and their space." Melissa Wilson teaches fifth grade at Murphey Traditional Academy. Her grant will enable her to buy board games "to have students work in teams to play board games while having meaningful conversations that build character, academics, and cooperation."

Guilford Technical Community College Teaching Innovation Award

Tonya Welch, Chi Chapter

The Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees presents the Teaching Innovation Award to one faculty member each year who has developed an innovative strategy to meet student needs, address learning outcomes, and positively impact student success. The faculty members considered for this award must be nominated by their peers, and the three finalists chosen from those nominations must present their innovation to the divisional leadership team for the college. Then, the divisional leadership team selects the winner, and the award is given during the commencement exercises. Tonya Welch was chosen as the recipient of this prestigious award for her brand new simulation lab that she planned and built during this academic year. Tonya said, "I am very honored to have been nominated by my peers and chosen by the committee to receive this award." She received a plaque and a check for \$1000.



Beta Theta's Annual Bazaar Nets Highest Profits Ever for World Fellowship and Scholarship Funds

Beta Theta Chapter in Region I traditionally holds a Bazaar during the Biennium at a November meeting. The funds raised are divided equally between the World Fellowship Fund and the Eta State Scholarship Fund. The Bazaar has always been very successful, however, this past November 17 it netted the highest amount of funds ever received. With 24 members present, the total amount raised exceeded \$1130.00.

When asked about the tremendous success of this on-going Bazaar, members respond that the timing is the key. The Bazaar is always held the week before Thanksgiving and members have come to rely on being able to purchase desserts, casseroles, and candies for the holidays. Members also credit their members' generosity and willingness to give for World Fellowship Fund and Scholarship Fund. Beta Theta Chapter plans to continue the Bazaar in the coming years!





Delta Beta Hosts Augustine Literacy Project

At the February Delta Beta meeting in Chapel Hill, Debbie McCarthy made a compelling presentation on the Augustine Literacy Project (ALP) which serves children who cannot read by providing trained tutors twice a week for the school year, using a methodology based on Orton-Gillingham and materials developed by Wilson Language Training Corporation and ALP. The one-to-one long-term relationships bolster students in grades K-12 who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch and who are performing below grade level. Delta Beta member Claire Nelson has been trained in the ALP and recommends it enthusiastically. Delta Beta made a donation to the program, which serves students in the Triangle. More information is available online at www.augustineproject.org



Delta Rho Fine Arts Gallery

Patricia Pemberton, Delta Rho President

When my weaving was accepted in the DKG International Arts and Humanities Gallery, my interest in the gallery heightened. As the 2016-2018 president of Delta Rho in Region VI, I envisioned an arts gallery for our chapter. The Fine Arts Committee and I began looking at the talents of our members and decided to create what we titled, Delta Rho Arts. Our gallery, while inspired by the DKG International Arts and Humanities Gallery, does not have its rules for entry. Our team chose to seek out four entries from chapter members for our first gallery which was presented at our February chapter meeting.

With the help of a member who is a communications specialist, we created the gallery on a Smore flier which could be placed on our web page. The smore link is <https://www.smores.com/m2s88>.

Our plan is to generate four gallery submissions, including four member entries each, during the 2016-2018 biennium. Since we have the smore layout, we can “drop in” the entries and copy for the next thee.

Our Delta Rho Chapter is excited about exploring a new way to showcase our member’s talents. It is my goal as president to raise up our members. Delta Rho Arts is an exemplary way to do just that. My hope is that you will feel our excitement, too.

Visit our website and enjoy the Delta Rho Fine Arts Gallery.

<http://deltarhosanfordnc.weebly.com/delta-rho-links.html>

School Board Member Serves as Guest Speaker At February Meeting Of Delta Sigma



Libby Fletcher and Heather Rhyne

Heather Rhyne, one of the newest members of the Lincoln County Board of Education, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of Delta Sigma. Mrs. Rhyne is a pharmacist at The Drug Store in Lincolnton and the mother of two school age children. During her presentation, she asked members to reflect on “why” we do what we do. She then explained how her passion for education is what led her to run for the school board. As a school board member, Mrs. Rhyne wants to have a positive impact on students in the Lincoln County School System by being an advocate for making decisions that are in the best interest of teachers and students.

Before joining the school board, Mrs. Rhyne was already affecting the lives of Lincoln County children by being actively involved in the All-Pro Dads program in elementary schools, UpWard sports, Sunday School classes, and volunteering in her children’s schools. Mrs. Rhyne stressed to the audience of current and former educators of Delta Sigma that she felt it



From page 15 was the role of the Board of Education to support the needs of our teachers as they meet the needs of our students. Mrs. Rhyne closed her talk with a touching adage often quoted by Patricia Rhyne, her late mother-in-law, a former educator and member of Delta Kappa Gamma, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Local TV Personality to Emcee 2017 Fashion Show Fundraiser for Delta Sigma

Delta Sigma will host the Seventh Annual Fashion Show fundraiser on May 6, 2017. Proceeds from the show are used to support Future Educator Scholarships, the Most Promising Young Educator Award, and a Professional Development Award. In 2016, Delta Sigma was pleased to award three scholarships, of \$1000 each to high school seniors in Lincoln County. "It is exciting to see that our chapter has grown to support three scholarships instead of the one awarded six years ago," noted Gayle Reid, Scholarship Awards Committee Chair.



This year, Delta Sigma is pleased to announce that Kristen Miranda from WBTV in Charlotte will serve as guest emcee at the upcoming fashion show. At WBTV, Kristen anchors Breaking News from the Alert Center weekday mornings. She also covers the consumer beat at the station and has interviewed many well know figures.

Among her accolades, Kristen has been recognized by the North Carolina Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas for her consumer reporting. Prior to working at WBTV, Kristen was an anchor/reporter in both Rochester, NY and Binghamton, NY. We are delighted to welcome Kristen to Lincoln to experience the southern hospitality of Delta Sigma!

Iota Member Retires from the Senior Tarheel Legislature

Peggy Seegars, member of the Iota Chapter, was recently honored for her 23 years of service as a delegate to the Senior Tarheel Legislature (STHL). This organization was formed in July 1993 by the NC General Assembly as a way for legislators to hear from seniors in NC. The STHL meets three times a year in Raleigh to discuss and present bills to the General Assembly on items to benefit seniors of NC. There are 100 members as each county has a delegate and an alternate. Ms. Seegars was an original member and she will be retiring in June. She was also honored as a large reason that Wayne County has such a wonderful senior center which was named for her. Ms. Seegars has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 56 years joining in 1961.



Iota members surround Peggy Seegars at her tribute. L-R: Liz Meador, Lola Delbridge, Veda McNair, Peggy Seegars, Martha Bryan, and Norma Griffen.

Alpha Nu Honors Betsy Cranford

Alpha Nu Chapter is pleased to announce that it has established new grants for chapter members in memory of the late Betsy Cranford, a beloved member of the Alpha Nu Chapter for over 35 years. The grants can be used to fund the purchase of instructional supplies, for professional development, or for special classroom learning projects. Teachers must submit applications which are due each January. Three teachers from the chapter will be



L-R Mary Lindsay, chaired the selection committee,

Penni Robinson will be building a math literacy library-- books with mathematical themes and Michelle Barrier will be purchasing materials to enrich the curriculum. Teresa Larson (not pictured) will be purchasing carts to go with the flexible seating in her classroom.



Eta State NC Chapters & Members Shine

From Textbooks to Cookbooks

Frances Murphy, inducted into Zeta Chapter on April 19, 1980, has published, at age 92 her very own cookbook of family recipes. Her story made the front page of the Food Section of the Winston-Salem Journal on February 22, 2017, in an article by food editor Michael Hastings. After a thirty-seven-year teaching career as an elementary school teacher, Frances has finally compiled the recipes that made her husband and three sons happy. She presented her family members copies of "Mom Murphy's Treasured Recipes" for Christmas.



Supporting New Teachers

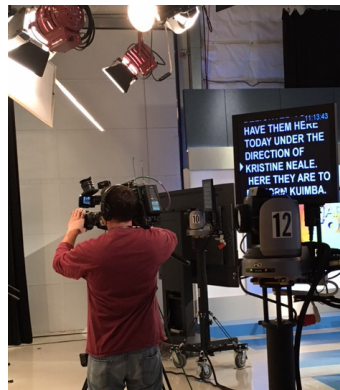


On February 13, 2017, Zeta Chapter provided refreshments for a workshop with 150 new teachers in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Along with refreshments, Zeta Chapter also provided a tip sheet for new teachers including local teacher discounts, ways to find free teacher resources, and ideas for maintaining a healthy lifestyle as busy new teachers. Julie Addington, Second Vice President, Alex Hoskins, First Vice President, and Judy Crow, a Past President coordinated this new teacher support activity. Julie Addington and Leslie Baldwin, current President, were able to attend the meeting and bring greetings from Zeta Chapter at the beginning of the workshop.

Alpha Pi (Region V, Orange and Chatham)
 Congratulations to **Megan Parker Peterson** 2017
 Teacher of the Year at Virginia Cross Elementary School.



Beta Tau (Region VIII, Mecklenburg) **Kristine Neale** was named 2017 Teacher of the Year at Independence High School in Charlotte. On March 10, 2017, **Kristine Neale** took the Chamber Choir from Independence High School to sing on WCNC's Charlotte Today, to advertise the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Musical Showcase at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Theatre held on March 20, 2017. **Kristine Neale** has also been nominated for the 2017 North Carolina Music Educators Association High School Choral Teacher of the Year. **Jennifer Nemmers Moen** was honored by a former kindergarten and first grade student as his most influential teacher. Jennifer flew to Texas to receive Nicolas Esparza's Dazzling Diamond Award. Nicolas is a 2017 graduate of North Shore High School and is in the top 5% of his class. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to become a pilot. Congratulations to Kiki and Jennifer!



TV studio filming Kiki Neale and the Chamber Choir



Jennifer with Nickolas at 5 and at 18



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Gamma Chi (Region III, Warren)

Congratulations go to: **Cecilia Aguilar** on completing training and being Google certified Level II in the use of Google educational applications for the classroom. She is a teacher at Northside K-8 School; **Brooke Callahan**, counselor at Vaughan Elementary School, on receiving a Bright Ideas grant awarded by Halifax EMC to implement her project entitled *Fidget to Focus*; **Jill Coleman** on being selected for the Innovative Blended Professional Learning Program. Developed by the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, there will be two cohorts of the NC Digital Leaders Coaches Network (NCDLCN). She will join 194 other digital learning leaders from across North Carolina. Jill is the media coordinator at Aycok Elementary School; **Donna Liles** on completing training and being Google certified Level I in the use of Google educational applications for the classroom. She is the EC Compliance Specialist for Warren County Schools; **Trina Paynter** on being selected as Warren County Schools' Stellar Performer at the WCS Board of Education January meeting. She is the media coordinator at Vaughan Elementary School; and **Patricia Williamson** on being named Northside K-8 School's Teacher of the Month.

Delta Sigma (Region X, Lincoln)

Congratulations to Superintendent **Sherry Hoyle** who recently announced her retirement effective July 1, 2017. Sherry became the first female superintendent of Lincoln County Schools when she was appointed by the school board in April 2011. She served as superintendent for the last six years and previously worked in the district as a teacher, TQE Coordinator, Director of Elementary Schools, and Assistant Superintendent. She is retiring after 31 years of service to the district. We thank her for her leadership and commitment to the students of Lincoln County Schools! **Jenny Dellinger**, **Jennifer Carroll**, and **Deanna Dunn** have each been in the

“spotlight” this school year and were featured on the Lincoln County Schools webpage in a section entitled “Educating the Future with Outstanding Employees Like...” Each month, the district highlights the exceptional contributions of employees...” We are so fortunate to have these remarkable educators in our chapter! Congratulations to **Linda Yoder** and **Judy Jones** for success in their artistic endeavors! Linda earned 1st place in the People category at the Arts Council of Lincoln County's Annual Amateur Photography Show. Her winning entry entitled “Pure Joy” was a photograph of her granddaughter Marlow taken “in the golden hour” right before sunset. Judy was cast as Clair in the Lincoln Theatre Guild's production of *Nana's Naughty Knickers* performed in February 2017. **Elaine Boysworth** was elected as President of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln County for 2017. Recently, the organization established a non-profit foundation that funds the purchase of new shoes for students in need within the Lincoln County School District, in addition to supporting the Terrific Kids Program. Congratulations!

Upsilon Honors 40-Year Members

Upsilon Chapter honored three of its longtime members with 40-year pins and certificates. Frances Gladson, Margaret Slate, and Juanita Snow joined March 1, 1977, in Jacksonville, NC. Among the three of them, they have held just about every position in Upsilon Chapter and have served on many of the committees!



*Margaret Slate, President Diane Pina, and Juanita Snow
Frances was unable to attend the meeting.*



Kappa Chapter PE Teacher Takes the Road to Rio

By Jeannette Carofano, Kappa Chapter

“And how did you spend your summer vacation?” A standard getting-to-know-you writing prompt. But seven Charlotte elementary students gave their teachers a knock-me-over response: “I went to the Summer Olympics in Rio!”

The grand dream of Dr. Patricia Smith, Kappa Chapter member, and CMS Physical Education teacher, was two years in the planning for the dream of a lifetime.

Dr. Smith, who served as team physician for the 2016 U. S. Youth Track and Field team, has a personal Olympic connection. Her godfather, Dr. Leroy T. Walker, was the first African-American to coach a U.S. men’s Olympic track team and to first serve as president of the U. S. Olympic Committee.



Dr. Smith wanted to inspire students to dream big dreams for themselves. Linking with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC), Baptist World Alliance (BWA) in partnership with Coordenador do Department de Evangelism e Misso es da CBC, and OM Sportslink and World Mission Brazil, Dr. Smith and her students secured community sponsors to assist with expenses for students and their parent chaperones.

Coming from a Title I school, Dr. Smith knew

this would be a monumental adventure for her students and parents, many of whom seldom, if ever, traveled beyond Charlotte or State borders.

“I wanted them to have a taste of the world beyond Charlotte, to know that there is a world that awaits their contributions, and that they were capable of fulfilling this challenge. Seeing Olympic athletes striving to their maximum potential would inspire these students to set high goals for themselves and learn the dedication and effort it takes to achieve one’s goals,” remarked Smith. “I knew this trip could change their outlook on their future and motivate them to dream big dreams for themselves.” The students prepared for their journey by studying the geography and culture of Brazil, learning the rules of the sports they expected to attend and planning topics to report in their journals.

The group of students, parents, and Dr. Smith resided in the Olympic Village, mixing with athletes from North America, South America, Africa, Europe, and Australia. “The combination of languages from around the world, maneuvering the various arenas and the international flavor of Rio expanded their world concept,” according to Dr. Smith. “This was a major goal of this trip, and the children ate it up like a feast for the soul.”

Back in Charlotte after their 8-day non-stop athletic immersion, students shared their experiences with several community groups, and speaking at the November 2016 North Carolina Sports Medicine Convention in Raleigh. The theme was “Find a Way.”

Dr. Smith and her students have their own theme: “Have a Dream, Find a Way.” What are they dreaming of now? Attending future Olympics in South Korea and Japan.

May all their dreams come true!

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Bull Retires; Merz Appointed Interim ED

Sandra Smith Bull will retire as DKG Executive Director (ED) effective May 31. She has served at Society Headquarters for 14 years in various capacities: operations services administrator, executive coordinator, membership services administrator and interim executive director before becoming full time executive director in 2015.

Bull helped to create the Legacy of Leadership program. In the years when she was not employed by the Society, she chaired the committee that initiated the Arts & Humanities Jury and served as the Southwest representative on the Leadership Development Committee. She received the 2008 International Achievement Award.

Dr. Judy Merz, a longtime leader and involved member, has been appointed by President Carolyn Pittman to be the interim ED from June 1 to December 31, 2017. Merz will continue as editor of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, a position she has filled since 2010. Since 2015 she has been communications and marketing consultant to DKG.

At its May meeting, the Administrative Board will approve a timeline and application process for a permanent executive director to begin January 1, 2018.

**The DKG Collegial Exchange,
Volume 84-3 2017**

The latest issue of *The DKG Collegial Exchange* contains two articles of special interest to Eta State NC members. Congratulations to Dr. Gwen Simmons and Yvonne C. Barnhardt.

Dr. Gwen Simmons' article "Demystifying and Simplifying Parliamentary Procedure" is on page 11 and Yvonne C. Barnhardt's photograph "Emerald Lake Canada" is part of an article by M. Joan Wolfe, Area Representative, Canada 2016-2018. The photograph was also featured in the Fall 2016 Fine Arts Gallery. Find the article on page 55 and the photograph on page 56.

The DKG Collegial Exchange is mailed to each member and can be found on the DKG website.

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Publications/Magazine/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin-Magazine.aspx?hkey=f637d264-54f9-446d-b1ec-4968896d9f30>

The DKG Bulletin-Journal, Volume 83-3 2017

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On the Theme: Systems to Address Quality Teaching

"Addressing Quality Teaching: An Interview with Susan Kuenzel Regarding the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards" By Judith R. Merz, Page 6

Susan Kuenzel is a member of Delta Chi Chapter and is the Editor of *Eta Data*. She also serves on the NC Education Foundation Board and is a member of the International Communications Committee.

"The Road to National Boards...Has Made All the Difference!" By Dr. Angela H. Kern, Dr. Laura S. Lowder, and Dr. Ann B. Crutchfield, Page 12

Dr. Angela H. Kern is a member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She is an Associate Professor of Education at Pfeiffer University. Dr. Laura S. Lowder is an Assistant Professor of Education at Pfeiffer University. Dr. Ann Benson Crutchfield is a member of Psi Chapter. She is Director of Undergraduate Teacher Education at Pfeiffer University.

"Teachers' Use of Formative Assessment" By Dr. Donna Cotton, Page 39

Dr. Donna Cotton is the Immediate Past President of Delta Chi Chapter. She is the Director of Testing and Accountability for Wilkes County Schools, North Carolina.

Access 2017, Volume 83-3 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Journal* at

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Publications/Journal/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin-Journal.aspx?hkey=7676bc8f-b937-4afb-9deb-1027d63c6b0f>

**Southeast Regional Conference
Myrtle Beach, SC
July 19-22, 2017**

Registration: www.dkg.org

No meal tickets after July 5.

Register today, conference/convention may never be as close to NC as Myrtle Beach!



Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards

Elizabeth Barnette of Gamma Chi Chapter has received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1982.71. She plans to use her award to attend IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training.

Elizabeth Crowder of Delta Tau Chapter has received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$957.12. She plans to use her award to attend the 2017 North Carolina Reading Association (NCRA) Conference.

Pamela Wright of Lambda Chapter has received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$2000. She plans to use her award to attend Havard Summer Institute on College Admissions.

All educators, members and non-members, are encouraged to apply. If you need professional development assistance, go to the International Education Foundation website for the Cornet Individual Professional Development Award information and application.

<http://www.dkgef.org/>

Fall Foliage Tour Information Now Available

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Announcement/Go_Ahead_Tours_Fall_2017.aspx



Join other DKG members and friends on this eight day tour, October 8-15, 2017. Sign up today; limited space is available.

Gallery of Fine Art Opens with New Entries May 1, 2017

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is pleased to announce the publication in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org.

The anticipated unveiling of the new Gallery of Fine Arts is now online. The new work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, then it will be archived. Congratulations to the following Eta State members who had work accepted. The Next submission period begins September 1, 2017.

Laveita M. Brinson, Beta Theta Chapter - Crafts
“Angels Watching Over Me”

Dr. Judith B. Carlson, Alpha Gamma Chapter -Crafts
“Judy’s Happy Mystery Quilt”

Brenda O. Carter, Beta Xi Chapter – Mixed Media
Dancer’s Series 1

Terry A. Denny, Alpha Omicron Chapter– Painting
“Pilot Mountain Farm”

Willie H. Harriett, Delta Mu Chapter – Painting
“Memories”

Lynn K. Nadel, Kappa Chapter – Ceramics
“Green Spotted Bowl” and “Raku Lidded Jar”

Susan Bailey Owens, Sigma Chapter – Paintings
“Fishing Buddies” and “Hunting Heron” and
“Where’s Penny?”



Biography of Janis P. Meek, Ed.D.

Dr. Janis Meek is the first of three children born to Claude and Evelyn Paynter in Warren County, North Carolina. She grew up on a small tobacco farm between the communities of Norlina and Wise. As the oldest child, she learned about work ethic and responsibility for younger siblings at a young age. She also learned that education is vital to prepare for a future where you can do work in which you believe and find enjoyment.



For grades one through five, Janis Gayle Paynter attended Wise Elementary School, with eight grade levels, enrollment of slightly less than 100, and a total of eleven children in her grade. There she had excellent teachers who not only taught the basics, but also sparked interest in arts, sciences, and many types of creative pursuits. Janis quickly learned to love learning and to enjoy being in school. When the small school closed, Janis and her Wise friends merged with sixth graders already at the slightly larger Norlina High School. Their class of 32 ultimately graduated seven years later as the Class of 1967 and are celebrating this year the 50th anniversary of high school graduation. Janis continued to have outstanding teachers throughout high school and decided in the seventh grade to become a teacher. At that time, girls aspired to only a handful of career choices---secretary, nurse, hairdresser, and teacher---which may have helped make the decision easier!

On graduation night, Janis delivered the valedictory address and first overcame her fear of public speaking. From there she went to UNC-Greensboro where she majored in Home Economics Education. Her habits of study, hard work, and perseverance paid off as she graduated *magna cum laude* in 1971. Even though there was an oversupply of teachers, she was fortunate to secure a position as Home Economics teacher in her home county. She taught for ten years at John Graham High, the arch-rival of her alma mater Norlina High. There she also served as cheerleader coach and FHA adviser. When the county's three high schools consolidated in 1981, she moved to Warren County

High where she remained for fifteen years. There she served as department head and chief advisor to both junior and senior classes. She has long been remembered there for her leadership with high school proms and direction of graduation exercises. During her twenty-five years in Warren County Schools, Mrs. Meek and her co-workers grew the department from 3 rooms/3 teachers to 7 rooms/7 teachers. Many of her students who had previously not found a place where they could excel earned recognition through state and national competitive events. While still in the classroom, Janis found opportunities to grow as a teacher leader herself as she started to present workshops, write teaching resources, and work on advanced degrees.

In 1995, Mrs. Meek made the difficult decision to leave the classroom to pursue other callings and try to make a larger impact. Then followed free-lance work at elementary, community college, and university settings, as well as teacher training, educational writing, and study toward her doctoral degree in Occupational Education/ Curriculum and Supervision at NC State University. She was then employed from 2004 to 2010 at the NC Department of Public Instruction as State Consultant in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, where she was in charge of curriculum and staff development, including new teacher induction.

Dr. Meek retired at the end of 2010 and has since been able to devote more time to her family and church. She has been married to husband Oscar "Butch" Meek for 47 years, and they have two children. Their daughter Ginger Allen, a metalsmith and jeweler, is married to Rev. Jimmy Allen of Wake Forest, and they have four daughters ages sixteen through twenty-two. Their son Sam lives in Hollywood, California and is a professional musician.

Since retirement, Dr. Meek has taken on projects and challenges closer to home. In 2013 and 2014, she provided leadership in the planning and construction of a new education building for her church. Today she is often found teaching an occasional quilting class or organizing fundraisers in the new church building. She is best known locally for her beautiful quilts, delicious apple pies, and sweet pickles. Interestingly, the creative hobbies that she learned to love at an early age, then for many years was not able to fit into her busy schedule, now have become the activities that she enjoys most. It is true what they say that oftentimes in life "what goes around comes around" and "never forget your roots"!

Congratulations to Dr. Meeks. She is very deserving of the Delta Kappa Gamma Founder's Award!