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Create the Future — Imagine, Inspire, Ignite

85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

From Our President

Most of us have a favorite teacher from our time as students. I have noticed several mentions lately about inspirational teachers. The new acting Secretary of Education, John King, recently spoke of his teachers in Brooklyn as having 'saved his life' after he became an orphan at the age twelve. Teachers challenged him and introduced him to the world beyond his working class neighborhood and he went on to earn degrees from Harvard, Columbia, and Yale. In another instance, a U.S. Senate candidate writes in her campaign brochure that she was inspired by a junior high school teacher (from Reidsville) to work for her community.

As members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we truly appreciate the other teachers in our lives. I know I do. Recently I had the chance to meet with others at Meredith College in Raleigh to remember three of our professors in the English Department — all legendary for the rigor of their classes.

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All three taught decades of students, many of whom still tell stories of their mighty struggles to meet the high expectations of Drs. Johnson, Rose, and Knight. All three women were Meredith graduates who dedicated their lives to their students and the College. As a student worker in the English Department, I had many occasions to get to know “the Big Three,” as they were sometimes called. All were inspirational and very kind to me. Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson had already retired by the time I came to Meredith, but was still active in encouraging our class of English majors. Once, she sent me a set of daily scripture verses to uplift me. Dr. Norma Rose taught us Shakespeare and so much more. Professionally, she was very demanding. On a personal level, she was especially good to me. One example of her kindness was making sure I got to attend plays down the street at N.C. State because she knew I did not have money for such an experience. Dr. Ione Knight is at the top of my inspirational teacher list. Since we were from the same hometown, we had a bond from the first and I took many classes with her—including Old English, Chaucer, Romantic Poets, and Advanced Grammar. She and Dr. Rose sent me baby gifts when I had children years after my graduation and I was very honored to be asked to sit with Dr. Knight at her table when she retired from the College. All three of these wonderful educators meant so very much to me as I earned my degree at Meredith.

I am sure we all have many special teachers who inspire us. If we can, wouldn't it be good to write or call some of these folks and convey our thanks? I also encourage each of our members to think of a teacher who has had a positive impact on her life and if possible write about that teacher for this newsletter. I would love to read about your favorites in later issues of *Alpha Delta News*.

See you all on March 4!

Debbie

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March Meeting

The Alpha Delta Chapter

of

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

will be

Friday, March 4, 2016

at

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

1891 Bethlehem Church Road

Reidsville, North Carolina

6:00 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Meal

Our meal for the March meeting will be served at 6:30. Winky Pasour and her family will be preparing a delicious meal for us. The price of the meal is \$15.00 which includes the meal and an honorarium for the church.

Hostesses for the March meeting will be Nell Rose, Chair; Kay Diehl and Tee Price.

The program will be presented by the Schools for Africa Committee. Our speaker will be Andrea Earles. Andrea volunteered in some schools in Zambia during a recent mission trip.



Eta State Convention Notes and Highlights

Debbie and Rachel have already registered for this year's convention (April 22-24) in Winston-Salem and hope that others in our chapter will also attend. You can come for one day only if that fits your schedule better. In fact, we hope many of our members will be able to come for the Sunday morning Ceremony of Remembrance to honor Brenda Atkins, who will be among those remembered. We will let you know more about the time and exact place for this gathering.

The registration form is now on the convention webpage in both Word and PDF formats. Early bird deadline is April 1. Banquet and brunch meal ticket deadline is April 15 (hotel deadline). Materials may not be available to persons who register after April 1 or on-site. Everyone must register, including those assisting during the convention. Mail your registration form to Convention Treasurer Chris Waters by April 1. Contact Convention Registrar Carolyn Coram with any questions at etastateregistrar2016@gmail.com.

Presidents Reception. Something new has been added to our convention activities, a Presidents Reception. Everyone is invited to network and enjoy fellowship, light hors d'oeuvres and punch before the Saturday evening banquet. There is no charge for this event, but please indicate if you are attending on the convention registration form.

New Convention Website:

<http://dkgnc2016convention.weebly.com/>

2016 Eta State Convention Project



The mission of Dreams and Kitestrings is to provide women and children the wings to soar by giving financial assistance to achieve their educational, athletic, and career aspirations. Dreams and Kitestrings is a non-profit organization based on Christian values. We are all created to dream and we are all created to fly. Our goal is very simple...for all recipients to realize their God-given potential and embrace it to the fullest. Recipients find courage to fly, achieve great things and make a difference in the lives of others. And most importantly, to realize dreams can be big and still be obtainable.

Each member is asked to bring either a book for a school aged student or a Barnes and Noble gift card to the March meeting. We will deliver our chapter contributions to the convention.



NC DKG Educational Foundation Announces Grant Awards

Four proposals have received the “first ever” grants awarded by the NC DKG Educational Foundation!

In alphabetical order by grant category, they are:

Andrea Byers of Delta Chi - Continuing Education grant: “To attend the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement; Gathering innovative ideas for K-5 workshops.

Alpha Nu - Penni Robinson, project leader - Learning/Literacy grant: “Painting a Picture of Partnership”; Providing art lessons for a special needs troop to earn Painting Badges.

Alpha Phi - Vicki Collins, project leader - Learning/Literacy grant: “Cuddle Up and Read”; Encouraging literacy in a homeless shelter.

Delta Zeta - Barbara Hardy, project leader - Learning/Literacy grant: “Tutor Toolkits”; Providing toolkits and volunteers to assist the Mano al Hermano Family Literacy Program.

Eleven proposals, all worthy of funding, were submitted. Thus, the Grants Review Committee had a difficult task to choose only four to receive the \$250.00 awards.

The Foundation hopes to attract even more proposals for the next award cycle—to be announced at the Eta State Convention.

Members are encouraged to watch for more information in the future and consider applying for a grant.

Amendments Proposed to Eta State Standing Rules

The proposed amendments are intended to clarify existing standing rules and to ensure alignments with the *International Constitution* and the *Eta State Bylaws*.

The 2016 Proposed Changes can be found on the *Eta State* website on the Rules page.

The Nominations Committee will present their slate of new officers for our chapter at the March meeting.

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for your donation for the Rockingham County Reading Festival, “Catch the Reading Bug.” Your donation goes towards our goal of reaching Rockingham County with the love of reading. Thank you again for your donation and please tell others about the 9th Annual Catch the Reading Bug Community Reading Festival. (March 19, 2016 at Rockingham County Middle School).

Angela Williams

Parent Involvement Facilitator/Fundations Facilitator

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Please extend to the Retired DKG Sisters a sincere, yet belated, thank you for the gift card. I was unable to attend the fall meeting when they were distributed. Therefore, I received mine at our December meeting. It is most appreciated.

Lynne Haynes

## Treasurer's Report

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| Opening balance Dec.4, 2015. | \$7656.72 |
| Deposits                     | 1766.00   |
| Expenses                     | 958.00    |
| Balance 3/4/2016.            | \$8464.72 |
| Grant-in-Aid (Scholarship)   |           |
| Balance 11/10/2015.          | \$3174.23 |
| Deposit 1/2 from auction.    | 883.00    |
| Balance 3/4/2016.            | \$4057.23 |



## Congratulations



Dr. Katherine Pasour was recently honored by her friends and colleagues from the College of Health and Sciences at Lenoir Rhyne University.. She was honored with a reception and then the planting of a tree in her honor by the McCrorie Center.

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Dr. Cindi Wall Sarwi of Reidsville has been named Executive Director of the Rockingham Community College Foundation.

Prior to coming to RCC, Sarwi served as Executive Director of the Rockingham County United Way.

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## Women in Print

President Debbie Russell and Vanessa Richmond-Graves attended this event. This event was acknowledged in the International newsletter. Congratulations Region VII!!

Debbie and Margaret Church



Vanessa, Leroy, and Debbie.



## Alpha Delta Book Corner

Cold winter months have been a good time for members to stay in and read. Here are some books shared by our members. **Carol Holcomb**— See Me by Nicholas Sparks and In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume. **Rachel Scott** - The Woods by Harlan Coben; He Sees You When You're Sleeping, All Through the Night, Deck the Halls, On the Street Where You Live by Mary Higgins Clark; Ice Cold and The Silent Girl by Tess Gerritsen; **Donna Rawlins** - Coal River and What She Left Behind Ellen Marie Wiseman.

### Happy Birthday

#### March

Cathy Fleming - 4

#### April

Paige McCargo - 19

Megan Robertson - 28

#### May

Norma Williams - 6

Nell Rose - 15

Marguerite Holt - 19

Susan Thompson - 31



This was the first year of participation for Bartlett Yancey High School. Each participant performed a monologue chosen from one of Shakespeare's plays. The school winner has advanced to the branch level competition which will be held on March 5 in Greensboro. The Greensboro Branch winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to compete in the national competition at Lincoln Center. I enjoyed this experience.....On February 26-27, 2016 several of our ladies participated in the NC Baptist Adult Handbell Festival in Apex, NC. **Melissa Bailey, Deborah Crumpton, Jennifer Jones, Donna Rawlins and Paige McCargo** are five of the 14 members of the Calvary Baptist Church Handbell group that attended this event. At the festival a large number of handbell groups from churches across the state meet together to rehearse several pieces of preselected music and then present a praise worship program on Saturday afternoon. Our participation in the event presented the opportunity to expand our musical skills and was a great avenue for fellowship with others. ...**Sharon Vaughan** is visiting family in the Southwest Virginia area of Norton, Wise and historical Big Stone Gap. A movie called "Big Stone Gap" was made in the town two years ago starring Ashley Judd and Whoopie Goldberg. She says that the aim to shut down coal operations is having a devastating effect on the lives of people in this area and is affecting how the schools operate and the decisions they make. For hundreds of students the only food they get is what they eat at school, so this has to be a factor in the decisions made by the school system to close when the weather is bad.

## Personal and Professional News

**Patsy Snyder** - My husband, Randy Snyder is retiring from Duke Energy after 40 years of service. His last day is February 29.....**Carol Holcomb** - Bill and I enjoyed a trip to New York City during Christmas. We saw the musical, *Beautiful*, and the Rockettes. We also went to One World Trade Center. With unseasonably warm weather while we were there, we thoroughly enjoyed all the sights and sounds of "the city that never sleeps." ....**Martha Davis** - I served as one of the judges for "The English Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition" held at Bartlett Yancey High School on Thursday, January 28, 2016. The ESU National Shakespeare competition began in 1983.

### Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers of Comfort



To **Bonnie Brewer** in the loss of her mother.

To **Karen Wakelee** in the loss of her daughter, Regan.

To **Martha Davis** in the loss of her brother-in-law.

Delta Kappa Gamma  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
December 4, 2015 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society met December 4, 2015 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Reidsville. Hostesses were Deborah Crumpton, Paige McCargo, and Lynda Perry. Thirty members attended. Members feasted on holiday inspired foods.

President Debbie Russell conducted a brief business meeting. Treasurer Sharon Vaughan reported a balance as of December 4, 2015 of \$7,656.72 with the Grant in Aid balance of \$3,174.23.

### Committee Reports

**Leadership Development:** Susan Thompson announced the Salvation Army needed volunteers for packing the Christmas Angel gift boxes. This will count for members personal growth volunteer points.

**Social:** Sandra Dickens thanked the hostesses. The chapter is very appreciative for the use of the Main Street Church facilities.

**Membership:** Cindy Sarwi announced the United Way 5K event sponsored by Rockingham County Consolidated Schools. She also presented President Debbie Russell with a rose pin to add to her DKG badge ribbon.

President Debbie Russell and First Vice President Vanessa Richmond-Graves attended the Region VII event "Women in Print" in October. Nineteen authors participated.

The December program was the annual auction to raise money for the Grant in Aid scholarship. Rachel Scott did a great job as auctioneer. Much fun was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Jeryl Rice

### **Convention Dates**

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

July 5-9, 2016 DKG International Convention

Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

April 28-30, 2017 - Eta State Convention,

Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

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### **Something to think about...**

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Your chapter needs leaders,  
How about you?

You might think you don't have enough time or knowledge to be in a leadership role. But, you may already be doing many things that identify you as a leader.

You may be a leader if...

- You are passionate and energized by the work you do
- You are a patient listener and others come to you for advice
- You are willing to learn and try new ideas
- You enjoy networking, developing relationships, and encouraging others

Leaders are confident, positive, and thoughtful. They use their time wisely and delegate effectively. Leaders impact the future. Are you a leader for DKG is looking for?

*Sheila*

### **International Website:**

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### **Eta State Website:**

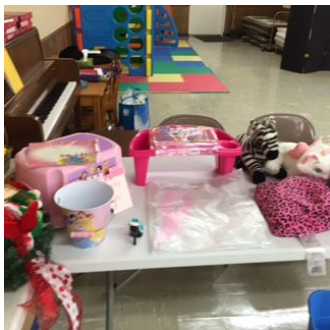
[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC)

### **Alpha Delta Chapter:**

<http://ncalphadelta.weebly.com/>



# Scenes from our December 2015 Christmas Scholarship Auction and Dinner



Delicious food, fun, fellowship, laughter and \$1,766.00 raised by our chapter.

**Communications Committee**

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