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From the President

Greetings All!

As I write this message, I am about to travel to Northern California to celebrate my father's eightieth birthday. I am so grateful to be able to spend this time with him as well as my uncles and cousins that I rarely see. I will return to North Carolina the Monday before our meeting on March 3rd.

Our March meeting is always enjoyable as Winky is such a gracious hostess and the food is delicious. This meeting is important as we find out about potential new members for our chapter. I hope all of you plan to attend and to take part in the program the Membership Committee has planned for us.

It feels as though Spring will soon be here, although according to the Groundhog we should have had six more weeks of winter. The unseasonably warm weather we have been

having is unsettling as I never know what to expect from the temperatures each day. While I would love to see a few more cold days I do not want bad weather to interfere with our upcoming meeting. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Your President,

Catherine Massengale

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March Meeting

The March meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma will be on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The church is located just off Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. The address is 1891 Bethlehem Church Road, Reidsville, NC. Fellowship time will begin at 6:00 and the meal 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. Hope everyone will be able to attend and enjoy the meal and the program.



Hostesses

Debbie Russell, Chair
 Barbara Smith
 Sandra Dickens

Times of Interest

5:45 PM - Executive Board Meeting
 6:00 PM - Fellowship Time
 6:30 PM - Dinner

Menu

Parmesan Chicken
 Green Beans
 Pasta Salad
 Fruit Salad
 Yeast Rolls
 Assorted Desserts

Personal and Professional News

Paige McCargo, Jennifer Jones and Melissa Bailey attended the NC Baptist Handbell Convention in Shelby on February 24-25.

Marguerite Holt recently enjoyed a memorable trip to Israel. She is still processing the experience.

Alpha Delta Book Corner

Sharon Vaughan - As Close to Us as Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner. It is an unusual book, in my estimation, but very interesting. It is about a Jewish family and how they are each (from the young to the older, presently and in the years ahead), affected by the accidental death of an eight-year old member of the family while at their summer cottage at the beach.....She recommends this as a good read.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

Paige McCargo - 19
 Megan Robertson - 28

May

Norma Williams - 6
 Nell Rose - 15
 Marguerite Holt - 19
 Susan Thompson - 31



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 December 2, 2016-March 3, 2017

OPENING BALANCE: December 2, 2016		\$7,715.78
INCOME:		
Total 2016 Dec. Auction	1,949.00	
Transfer from GIA to cover		
2nd Half 2016 Payment	500.00	
Handbook Sale	<u>5.50</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$2,454.50</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$10,170.28
EXPENSES:		
Kaitlyn Zimmerman		
2nd Half GIA Payment	500.00	
First Baptist Church	50.00	
Honorarium -Dec. Mtg		
Transfer to GIA-		
1/2 2016 Auction	<u>975.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$1,525.00</u>
BALANCE: MARCH 3, 2017		\$8,645.28

GRANT-IN-AID BALANCE: December 2, 2016		\$3,110.56
ADDITIONS:		
1/2 2016 Auction	975.00	
Interest (Nov.-Jan.)	<u>.76</u>	+ <u>975.76</u>
<u>WITHDRAWALS:</u>		
Transfer to checking -		
2nd half of 2016 Payment	500.00	- <u>500.00</u>
NET CHANGE		<u>+ 475.76</u>
BALANCE: March 3, 2017		\$3,586.32

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Delta Chapter December 2, 2016 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met December 2, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Eden. Twenty-seven members attended. Dinner consisted of homemade and seasonal goodies. Hostesses were Chair, Carla Rier-son, Marguerite Holt, Carolyn Lester and Catherine Massengale.

President Catherine Massengale conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughan reported a balance of \$7715.78 and the Grant - in - Aid \$3110.56. President Massengale read resignations letters from Cathy Fleming and Carolyn Boswell. She also read a note from Debbie Russell thanking the chapter for her gift. Dates to remember are the Eta State Convention, April 28-30, 2017 in Wilmington, NC and the Southeast Regional Conference, July 19-22 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The members recognized Nell Rose with a standing ovation for her contribution to education in Rockingham County. She will be greatly missed as a member of the Rockingham County School Board.

Committee Reports

Membership: Debbie Russell announced that nominations were due February 1st.

Scholarship: The committee thanked everyone for their auction items and encouraged everyone to have a fun time bidding and spending for the worth cause of the Grant-in-Aid. Rachel Scott served as auctioneer with Jennifer Jones assisting. Patsy Snyder recorded the sales.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeryl Rice, Secretary

December Meeting/GIA Christmas Auction
\$1,949.00 Raised



Food



Jennifer and Rachel



President Catherine

2017 Eta State NC Convention Project

Hope Harbor Home, Brunswick County

Hope Harbor Home is Brunswick County's only program offering around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include a fully staffed safe shelter and crisis hot-line, support groups, victim advocacy, meals, clothing, and transportation. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community. During their 30 years of operation, thousands of women and children have found safe shelter and received services through Hope Harbor Home.

Eta State NC members can support this organization through donations of gift cards, monetary contributions and items from the "wish list" below. Please bring or send your contributions to the 2017 Eta State Convention in Wilmington.

Hope Harbor Home Wish List

- ☞ Gift Cards (gas stations, drug stores, grocery stores, Walmart)
- ☞ Pre-paid mobile phones (help clients communicate with the shelter when they are off the premises)
- ☞ Monetary contributions to the Hope Harbor Home Client Emergency Fund helps to provide car repairs, hotel rooms while clients are relocating, school fees for children
- ☞ Nonperishable food items (coffee, creamer, sugar and sugar substitutes, tea bags, soda, juice boxes, snacks) new, unopened within use date, please.
- ☞ Disposables – plates, cups, bowls, forks, spoons, napkins, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, paper towels, bathroom tissue, aluminum pie pans and baking pans all sizes
- ☞ Twin sheets, new pillows, bath towels, face clothes
- ☞ Cleaning supplies – spray cleaners, bleach, laundry detergents, dishwashing liquid (not for dishwasher)
- ☞ Over the counter medications - acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, Pepto, Tums, etc.
- ☞ Feminine products - sanitary napkins, tampons, panty liners
- ☞ Hair products and makeup – include hair products designed for women of color
- ☞ Baby care items – wipes, baby powder (especially travel sizes), rash creams, baby soap, disposable diapers (especially toddler sizes), disposable training pants, car seat covers

- ☞ Underwear, socks, slippers for women and children
- ☞ School supplies of all kinds including multi-subject notebooks and backpacks
- ☞ Craft materials – latch-hook kits, poster paint, finger paint, cloth and paint for cloth, glitter and glue pens, face paint, molding clay, stickers, washable markers, construction paper
- ☞ Spanish language books, movies, and musical videos for children and adults (G-rated)
- ☞ DVDs nonviolent - G-rated films for children and non-violent Wii games, exercise videos, entertainment videos, educational videos, inspirational videos

Alpha Delta Members if you would like to donate anything to Hope Harbor Home, bring your items to the March meeting. Our delegates will deliver them.



Proposed Amendments to Be Voted on at State Convention

The 2015-2017 Eta State Rules Committee has prepared proposed bylaws and standing rules amendments for each member to study prior to the state convention. Please read carefully and consider the implications of the proposed changes. Chapters are encouraged to discuss the proposals and give input to chapter presidents. As members of the state Executive Board, presidents will help decide whether to recommend or not recommend adoption of each proposal. The Rules Committee chairman will present the Executive Board's position on each proposal to the membership session prior to the membership's decision to adopt or not to adopt proposed amendments. Please cut and paste this link to download the 2017 Proposed Amendments to Eta State Bylaws and Eta State Standing Rules: http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017prop_amendmentsncbylawssr.pdf.

Bring a copy of the Proposed Changes to the Eta State Convention; copies will not be provided.

Hotel Information for Eta State Convention

Our room block at the Wilmington Hilton is full. The Towne Place Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach (a Marriott property) has been announced as the overflow hotel and is offering DKG members rooms for \$119 plus taxes. The same price applies to Thursday for those wanting to come early. The hotel is located at 305 Eastwood Road, Wilmington. The number is 910-332-3326.

The Towne Place Suites WilmingtonWrightsville Beach, offers free parking, WiFi and breakfast. Rooms have two queen beds or a queen bed and sleep sofa. Rooms must be booked by March 27. Eta State NC Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon asks that if you have booked extra rooms at the Hilton that you don't need, please release/cancel them ASAP. This way others may be able to book a room at the Hilton. You may continue to contact the hotel in case rooms come open by March 27.

Eta State NC President

Shelia Groves

Something to think about... As you are getting ready to attend the Eta State Convention, I know you are making hotel reservations, submitting your registration form, and looking for your beach clothes! But, are you thinking about your homework? Have you read the proposed rules changes? They are posted on our state website and can be accessed from the home page. It's not as scary as it looks! The Rules Committee has done a great job of bundling "like" items together so we can vote on them at one time. Here's a study guide!

- Group I deals with a change in terminology which aligns with the Constitution and does not suggest the process for selecting state personnel; "appointed personnel" changed to "related personnel."
- Group II identifies the state webmaster as a personnel position with a six year term. The selection process and reimbursement would be comparable to other state personnel.
- Group III offers clarification on several items: state officer positions identified in keeping with the Constitution, a proposed transition meeting for incoming and outgoing state officers, Executive Board action between board meetings, and termination of affiliation with Covenant for North Carolina's Children. Other items include adding two additional members to the Communications and Publicity Committee and making the Rising Star a permanent award.
- Group IV is a mash-up of odds and ends. The rationale for each one is enlightening.

If we all come prepared to take action, the meeting will be productive and move along quickly. Anyone want to finish early?

Sheila

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Convention Dates

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

June 23-25, 2017 - Eta State NC Leadership
Development Seminar, Caraway Conference
Center, Asheboro, NC

July 19-22, 2017 - Southeast Regional Conference,
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center,
Myrtle Beach, SC

April 27-29, 2018 - Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte
University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

July 16-20, 2018 - DKG International Convention, JW
Marriott, Austin, TX

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International Committee Blogs

Provide Support

International committees provide support and encouragement to local chapters in many ways, such as through their pages on the International website and sessions at conferences and conventions. Many are reaching out beyond that and have created blogs to share news and help.

The Communications and Publicity Committee has a weekly blog, posting help and ideas on promoting DKG. Recent topics include ways to make your social media more graphic, how to stay safe when sharing on the Internet, and netiquette reminders. The blog can be found at <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/>.

The Finance Committee invites you to follow their monthly "DKG Focus on Finance" blog. The blog will be filled with interesting topics related to finance in order to help members better understand finances. To access the Finance blog, go to <http://societyoper.blogspot.com>.



While serving in an unexpected role that I am mildly qualified for, I have had to climb this pyramid. How about you? ~ Editor

You Are Your Students' Voice

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Members are urged to pay close attention to Legislative and Executive actions at both the state and national levels and to take action when necessary. "Take action" means calling, visiting or writing lawmakers, the governor and/ or the president when they are considering laws or mandates that impact students, children or educators. In NC, lawmakers are in Raleigh Tuesday through Thursday, so members who do not live near Raleigh can visit or call their Representative or Senator's home offices on Mondays or Fridays. Get together with fellow sisters and plan a visit today. Another option is to invite a lawmaker, even a local County Commission member, to a chapter meeting for an important Q&A session with prepared questions ready for member use. Stay informed by checking the NC Public Schools First website and the Raleigh News & Observer newspaper. In the near future, the Educational Law & Policy Committee will be conducting the 2017 Educational Issues Survey. Watch for it and be sure to complete the survey of priorities. Until the results of this survey are ready, use the current prioritized list of education issues found at Eta State's website, www.ncdkg.org. Click on Leadership, Committees, then Educational Law & Policy. The whitepaper is the first attachment.

Stay vigilant, Sisters

Note from Editor: I have not for the sake of me figured out how to create "links" to web sites using Microsoft Publisher. I have googled and gone through all kinds of texts trying to solve the problem. I have "highlighted" recommended links in different articles. Hopefully you can highlight, copy and paste into search bar to reach the sites. If anyone knows the answer, I'm open to help.

Donna