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"Let's Sparkle"

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education World

From the President

The Season of Anticipation

I started thinking about the article for our newsletter today. It's February 4; the sun is shining and the temperature is in the 60s, and according to weather reports the temperature continues to rise as the week progresses. Groundhog Phil says we can anticipate an early spring.

Have you thought about the word anticipation and the joy and excitement that simply come from that word? It could be the anticipation of seeing those first shoots of crocus bursting through the soil or the first sprouts of hosta shouting to let them through to reach the sunlight. If you are like me you traipse to your garden every few days to see what new surprises await you.

As an educator, each year when we enter the classroom on that first day of school, the air is filled with anticipation and sometimes apprehension. It comes from us the teacher, the parents, and the students with the expectancy and the hope of having a banner year. *cont. page 2*

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As a parent, we look forward to holding that sweet smelling bundle of joy. When we first hold him or her, we count their little fingers and toes. Eventually, a little bit (or a lot) of trepidation enters the mind as to the enormous responsibility we now hold in our arms. Not so with the grandparents. The grandparents are simply there for the spoiling...if they are lucky. And oh so much fun they have in the spoiling of that grandchild.

Obviously, as we go through life, there are many seasons. Hopefully, through those seasons our lives are overflowing with the expectancy of good things to come. Nicholas Sparks in Three Weeks with My Brother wrote, "Never forget that anticipation is an important part of life. Work's important, family's important, but without excitement, you have nothing. You're cheating yourself if you refuse to enjoy what's coming."

WHAT HAS YOU FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT?

WHAT ARE YOU ANTICIPATING?

WHATEVER IT IS, LET'S ENJOY WHAT'S COMING.

Wanda Smith, President

Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG

March Meeting

The March meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma will be on Friday, March 1, 2019, 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

Kay Diehl
Holly Williamson
Ruth Williamson



Menu

Parmesan Chicken
Green Beans
Sweet Pasta Salad
Fruit Salad
Yeast Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Tea and Lemonade

From The Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Carol Holcomb, Chair

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Earlier, the chapter voted to continue its support of those beginning teachers in the elementary grades by bringing books to the March meeting. The committee hopes to present two to three books per teacher, so generous individual donations will be needed. Seventy teachers are classified as beginning elementary teachers in the two districts.

In addition, we will give several \$10 gift cards for the district coordinators to use for a drawing for the middle and high school beginning teachers. The total of middle and high school beginning teachers in both districts is seventy-seven.



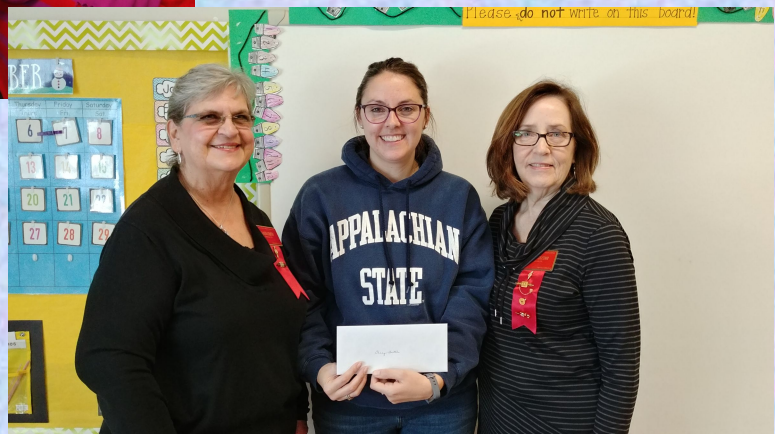
Stephanie Guill

First Year Eighth Grade Math Teacher

Dillard Middle School

Caswell County

Casey Tuttle
Kindergarten Teacher
Monroeton Elementary



From Our State President

One of the questions on the 2018 President's Report is have you inducted members this past year? Out of 90 reports, 22 chapters did not induct members. The question does not tell the story of what is happening in our chapters but it causes me to wonder why?



Are you afraid they will not have the same commitment to attend meetings and get involved? Did you base your decision not to invite members on the lack of commitment of others in the past? Do you believe you have something to offer new members? Did you invite teachers to join who cannot join at this time due to finances, children, family responsibilities?

Whatever the reason, Eta State NC has lost members this past year and it is important that every DKG member consider how we can impact our membership.

As we reflect, what is it that makes us love DKG? What inspires us to want to attend meetings? How can we share this passion, grow our membership, and encourage teachers? Let's Sparkle and invite others to become members in our organization.

Let's Sparkle!

Connie Phifer Savell

Eta State NC President

2017-2019



Mark Your Calendar!

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee encourages each member to consider going to the NC Legislature in Raleigh to visit her Senator and Representative on behalf of the students who depend on these lawmakers to make sound decisions affecting their education. If we do not speak up for them, who will?

Join with other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters on Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. in the front lobby of the legislative building at 16 W. Jones Street. To find out who one's representatives are, go to www.ncleg.gov and click on District Representation on the upper right side of the home page. Choose Find Your Legislator in the drop-down menu, then use the maps to find senators' and representatives' names and contact information.

Be sure to download this year's White Paper on Eta State NC's legislative priorities, which can be found on the Eta State NC website at www.ncdkg.org. Click on Leadership at the upper right side of the home page, and then scroll down to Educational Law & Policy Committee. The White Paper is posted at the bottom of the committee's page. Helpful hints about protocol for contacting elected officials can also be found there.

Eta State NC Convention 2019
Celebrating 85 Years—
Share the Sparkle!
Crowne Plaza, Hickory, NC
May 3-5, 2019



Eta State 2019 Convention Project

The annual convention project usually benefits a cause in the sponsoring region. Region X is expanding its project to the schools in eastern NC affected by Hurricane Florence, a generous and thoughtful outreach.



Fund\$ for Florence will help DKG member-teachers in counties declared natural disaster areas. Bring gift cards and show your support of our members.

FAST NC reports funds have helped replace instructional rugs, PE equipment, STEM materials, art supplies, library books, laptops and more. Round 8 applications will be received from Feb. 23-March 8 and Round 9 from March 9-22. To secure an application form, go to the FAST NC website and click on the "Apply Now" link.



New Beginning Teaching Award

Honor a beginning teacher by nominating her for the new Eta State NC 85th Birthday Celebration Beginning Teacher Award to be given for the first time at the Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory.

This \$1,000 award will recognize an Eta State NC classroom teacher-member with less than four years teaching experience who demonstrates excellence in teaching. This teacher should be widely recognized as one who demonstrates a deep commitment to students, the teaching profession and her own lifelong learning. Nominations must be made by the chapter president or member(s) of the beginning teacher's chapter.

Nominations forms are available on the Eta State NC home page or the Convention page. Nominations are due April 1.

Proposed Changes to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules to be Shared in March

Watch the Eta State NC website and your email in March for the proposed amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules that will be voted on at the convention. The Rules Committee has been working diligently on the updates to align with the changes made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules at the convention this past summer, as well as reviewing amendments sent in by members and committees.

One of the proposed amendments, based on action at the International Convention, is to make collegiate membership part of the membership classifications in the Bylaws. The Finance Committee will make the proposal for dues for that group to be \$5.00.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
December 7, 2018
Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met December 7, 2018 at Mission First, Reidsville, NC. Hostesses were Susan Thompson, chair; Carol Holcomb, Tania Martin, Sarah Jane Spencer Penn. Twenty-seven members attended. Members contributed food for a Christmas themed buffet.

President Wanda Smith conducted the business meeting. The October 5th minutes were approved. Treasurers Deborah Crumpton and Rachel Scott reported a December balance of \$7817.01. The Grant in Aid balance is \$2643.26.

President Smith thanked the hostesses. She announced that state headquarters is encouraging all chapters to buy ads in the upcoming state convention program. Debbie Russell made the motion that Alpha Delta purchase an ad in the Eta State program which is not to exceed \$100. Kristy Spencer seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Committee Reports

Membership chair Carla Rierson requested that following the Dec meeting membership applications be mailed to her.

Beginning Teacher Support chair Carol Holcomb recommended two grant selections. \$200 will be given to Casey Tuttle at Monroeton Elementary School to purchase books. Also \$200 goes to Stephanie Guill at Dillard Middle School to purchase Math Club materials. Catherine Massengale made a motion to accept with a second by Rachel Scott. All approved.

The program for the evening was replaced by the auction to raise money for the Grant in Aid fund. Scholarship committee chair Patsy Snyder assisted auctioneer Rachel Scott. Much fun was had by all and generous donations were given.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeryl Rice, Secretary

ALPHA DELTA BOOK CORNER

Wanda Smith - The Lady and the Lionheart by Joanne Bischof. This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. It's definitely a keeper for a reread. The Out of Egypt Series by Connilyn Cossette. The books are Counted With Stars, Shadow of the Storm, and Wings of the Wind. These are biblical fiction about the exodus from Egypt. The Lacemaker by Laura Frantz is another one on my keeper list. It is historical fiction novel during the American Revolution. Another series which is wonderful is the Empire State Series by Elizabeth Camden. The books in it are A Daring Legacy, A Daring Adventure and A Desperate Hope. These are historical

fiction.... **Susan Thompson** - Frank McCourts books Angela's Ashes and 'Ai.... **Donna Rawlins** - Burying the Honeysuckle Girls by Emily Carpenter, Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci, Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris, and my favorite of all, Common Pleas (A Tale of Whoa) by J. Randolph Cresenzo, JD of Reidsville/Eden. It's a page turner for sure!

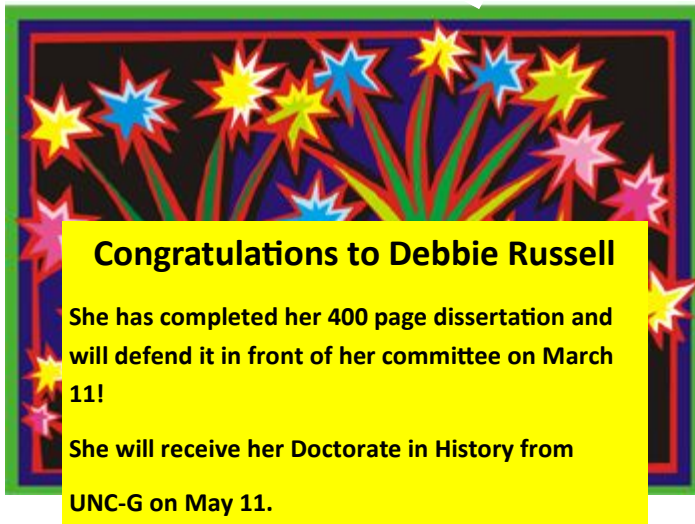


Happy Birthday

April

Paige McCargo - 19

Megan Robertson - 28



Registration Open for International Conference in Asheville

Conference registration is open for the International Arts and Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019. Register online at https://www.dkg.org/dkgcon_se. (You must be logged in.) Once you have completed the registration form, an email receipt will be forwarded to you.

Note that because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form.

For preconference activities and tours, visit the SE Conference Events page of the DKG website.

PLEASE NOTE: *Registration for all five conferences is open! Hotel registration for all five conferences is open! Information about all five conferences can be found on a variety of media, including the website, our Facebook page, and via two videos produced for members throughout DKG*

The link to the first video, "Before You Register," is prominently displayed on the conference registration

page. It gives an in-depth explanation of what each conference will encompass while emphasizing that PERSONAL RELEVANCE not REGION OF MEMBERSHIP drives these 2019 international events.

New Password Rule for DKG

Website As of November 6, your password for logging into the member side of the DKG website must be at least seven characters long and contain at least one number. The rotator directs you to click on sign in page and then "forgot password" to reset it using the new guidelines. You may also click the chat feature for help.

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Convention Dates

March 22-23, 2019 - Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3-5, 2019 - Eta State Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X