





## President's Message

Nancy Simonette

The holidays are over and it is time to start the New Year with our February meeting. I know we are all looking forward to information on the Moore County Schools Special Programs and sharing another delicious pot luck dinner.

The Christmas Bazaar was another success story! Thanks to our sisters at Delta Rho for arranging the Temple Theater Teens entertainment and to all Gamma Sigma members for their contributions.

I will have registration forms at this meeting for the Eta State Convention in April. The registration forms will also be available on the convention webpage in both Word and PDF formats. The convention will be in Winston-Salem this year, and I hope several of our members will be able to attend.

A special thank you to the nominating committee for completing the slate of officers for 2016-2018 in such a timely manner. I know that this is often a thankless job with lots of "no's" given before finding just the right person to fill each slot. A very special nod to those who have agreed to serve in the same office for another two years and to the new people stepping up to take a position.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our first meeting of this New Year.

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**February 1** - Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International

**February 1** - Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Applications due

**March 22** - Group rate guarantee deadline for convention hotel reservations

**April 19** – Next Meeting at the Moore County Central Office, Carthage – 5:30 pm – Covered Dish

**April 22 - 24** - Eta State Convention, Twin City Quarter, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

**July 5 - 9** - DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN





## Treasurer's Report

Annette Blue

We had a fantastic December meeting and bazaar this year! Our half of the proceeds totaled \$989.63. I received a \$20 donation from one of our members for our grant which brings the total for our grant this year to \$1,009.63. We have fully funded our grant! Many thanks to each of you that participated.

I am happy to report that Lydia Conard has been re-instated to our membership. We now have 43 active members, 5 reserve members, and 1 honorary member for a total of 49.

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## **Convention Details:**

New Convention Website at <http://dkgnc2016convention.weebly.com/>

## Convention Registration Now Open

Be among the first to register for this year's convention in Winston-Salem. 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 ones 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](mailto:etastateregistrar2016@gmail.com).

## New This Year: Presidents Reception

Everyone is invited to network and enjoy fellowship at a Presidents Reception of 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. A cash bar will be available.



## Make Hotel Reservations Now!

Information for making room reservations at the convention hotel, the Marriott, is under the Hotel link.

Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast, so register early.

There is a separate charge for parking in the city deck.

## Convention Project Announced

President Sheila Groves and the Convention Planning Committee have announced the convention project. Region IX has chosen to collaborate with **Dreams and Kitestrings** of Wilkes County for the 2016 Convention Project. The mission of this local organization is *to provide women and children the wings to soar by giving financial assistance to help achieve their educational, athletic, and career aspirations.*

Dreams and Kitestrings provides financial assistance to students and teachers, funds classroom grants and sponsors educational events, such as author visits and free sports camps. It is a volunteer-lead non-profit, with all donations going directly to support projects.

## Educational Initiative (Literacy)



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Watch for Peggy Olney's article in the [Eta State News](#) spring edition!



Get ready for Nashville, 2016



## New DKG Website Launched

www.dkg.org has a new look! A small DKG logo and menu bar across the top give way to a large, scrolling swipe of pictures with links to items of interest, such as the 2016 Convention in Nashville, pictured above. More graphics on the next row are quick links to the DKG store, Educational Foundation, Fine Arts Gallery, Communities, and more.

This website features password protected areas so that members can securely be a part of the DKG social network and have more control of their Society information. Members can update their own password after initially signing in, can update their profile information to keep their records current with International (on the MyDKG tab), and can join “communities” to connect with other members and enjoy online discussions on topics of interest with others.

Registration for Society events will now be done through the Member Profile. For example, registration for the International Convention in Nashville this summer is now available when a member is signed in. Check out the new site. There is much to see and do!

## Signing into Password – Protected Areas

To sign in, each member needs her membership number, found on her membership card or readily available from the chapter treasurer. The membership number is the user name. The default password is not published for security reasons, but chapter presidents received it in their most recent *Presidents' Page* news-letter and state officers have it to share. Members may also contact Society Headquarters at 512-478- 5748 for help. Once signed in with a password, members will have full access to the website. Enjoy!

# Delta Kappa Gamma Society Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes

December 5, 2015

The Gamma Sigma Chapter met with our sister chapter, Delta Rho at the Members Club of Pinehurst Country Club, in Pinehurst at 9:00 am.

The Annual Holiday Bazaar preceded the start of both chapters' business sessions. Members from both chapters brought many lovely decorations, homemade baked goodies, jams, jellies, cakes, pies, knitted creations

and other crafts and arts to entice everyone to purchase things in support of this important fund raiser. Bazaar monies acquired are evenly divided between the two chapters. Gamma Sigma funds are used to fund the chapter scholarship for a college-bound, high school senior who wants to study to prepare to become a teacher. This annual holiday bazaar is highly popular among all members. President Nancy Simonette conducted a brief business session which was followed by entertainment for both groups. The Temple Theatre of Sanford troupe of youth performers and improvisators presented a program embodying the Christmas theme which was enjoyed by everyone.

Afterwards, lunch was served as members enjoyed the congenial ambiance and renewed friendships and relationships. The meeting was adjourned following lunch.

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