

Gamma Sigma Signal

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ETA STATE REGION VI MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:30AM

*******NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE!!*******

**Program: Tour of the new McDeed's Creek
Elementary School**

**Location: McDeed's Creek Elementary, 2953 Camp
Easter Rd., Carthage, 28327**

**Hostess: Lydia Conard 910-673-3471 (leave message)
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RSVP by Wed., Feb. 5



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President's Message

Betty Wells Brown

Welcome to 2020!

Our time is going by too fast. Our next meeting is at McDeed's Creek Elementary School, February 8th at 9:30 AM. We hope you can join us for a tour of the new school! It's an exciting time for Moore County Schools.

Remember to bring your nominations for new members to the meeting in February. We want to be able to bring their names forward at our April meeting.

Moore County Schools will be doing a ribbon cutting for the new Aberdeen Elementary toward the end of March! Be on the lookout for the time and date!

For those who want to get into the schools, Carthage Elementary is doing a Global Reading Day with Clifford on February 5; Elise Middle School is having an Art's Council Program - The Beast - on February 20 (Come join our own Elaina Aponte.); West End Elementary and West Pine Elementary are having a multicultural fair on January 30 -31. Please contact the schools if you want to know about times.

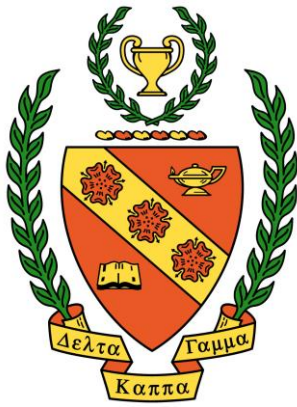
Kate Faw, Trisha Cox, and I are the Nominations Committee this year. We need a president, vice president for membership, and vice president for programs. Please let us know if you are willing to serve!

NCDKG is looking for a Region 6 Regional Director...it's another great way to serve our organization!

I look forward to seeing you all in February.

Betty

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MINUTES

Chapter Mtg.

Dec. 7, 2019

The Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma convened in conjunction with the Delta Rho chapter at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019, in the Grand Ballroom at Penick Village in Southern Pines.

Attendees began by buying donated items and chances in hopes of taking home Christmas items. As the meeting convened, Delta Rho President Kathy Parker introduced an icebreaker that had attendees find someone they didn't know and share what they're looking forward to during the upcoming holidays.

When the two chapters divided to hold their own business meetings at 10:50 a.m., a number of items were discussed at the Gamma Sigma gathering, including the following.

- The chapter hopes to gather to put together goody bags for new teachers. Anita Alpenfels has agreed to host the "stuffing" party complete with dinner. Attendees should bring items such as candy, tissues, note pads, etc., to stuff the bags. Approximately 90 teachers will receive bags, and the hope is to pull this effort together in early January.
- Attendees welcomed Sandra Florell back to Gamma Sigma.
- Members are advised to review the treasurer's report which was provided in the November newsletter.
- The next meeting is slated for February 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be at McDeed's Creek Elementary School. It is right before Belle Meade on Camp Easter Rd. Coffee and donuts will be served, and Lydia Conard is the designated hostess. **NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE! SEE 1ST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER**
- There was discussion of the significant teacher shortage, with schools of education in North Carolina reporting a drop in teacher

education candidates of 41% since 2010. Anita Alpenfels, executive officer for human resources for Moore County Schools, is experimenting with new means of teacher recruitment, including social media.


- Members passed the brag basket for literacy and World Fellowship.
- President Betty announced that she has declared her candidacy to remain on the Board of Education.
- Trisha Cox has retired from Moore County Schools and will now work for a private company with a focus on teaching math and reading strategies to teachers in Alabama.
- The League of Women Voters is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Dr. Christine Ganis shared that members are willing to present vignettes about leaders in women's suffrage and will also share presentations in our schools.
- Dr. Ganis also informed the group that Tandra's Place focuses on helping homeless teenage girls who are 18 and older. Tandra Chamberlain, a social worker for Moore County Schools, is a former member of Gamma Sigma.
- Dr. Ganis can use books for kids, which will be made available in laundromats
- President Betty looking at the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) grant again.
- President Brown encouraged members to consider serving in positions for the executive board for 2020 - 2022.
- The member directory should be ready by the February meeting.
- Attendees were reminded of the importance of advocacy for public education, particularly with our elected North Carolina legislators.

The individual chapter meetings adjourned at 10:30 a.m. After an invocation by Delta Rho member Patricia Pemberton, the drawing for items commenced. Attendees enjoyed lunch and bid on leftover items.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude to Robyn Lam and Wanda Sweeney,

Anita W. Alpenfels, Ed.D.
Recording Secretary

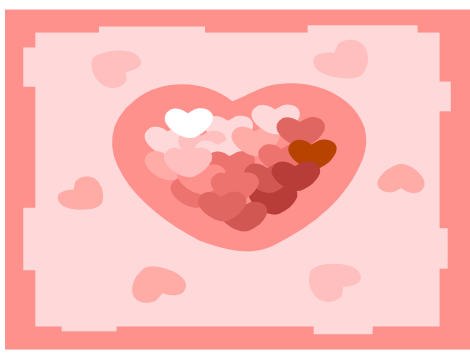
<p>Mar1 International Achievement Award recommendations due</p> <p>April 14 Meeting at 5:30 pm – School Board Conference. Rm. – What is the Educational Foundation? -Finger Foods (last names N-Z) Hostesses: Kate Faw and Libby Carter</p> <p>May 1 DKGEF Cornetet CIPD Application</p> <p>May 1-3 NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro</p> <p>July 7-11 DKG International Convention, Philadelphia</p> <p>April 23-25, 2021 NCDKG Convention, Asheville Crown Plaza and Resort</p> <p>July 11-14, 2022 International Convention, New Orleans</p>	



McDeed's Creek Elementary School

February's presentation is at this brand new school that opened this past fall. It is located just before Belle Meade on Camp Easter Rd.

Please note that the meeting is at **9:30 AM**. We hope that you will join us for donuts and coffee. Lydia Conard is the hostess.



Treasurer's Report

Becky Oldham

1/18/19

Gamma Sigma Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance-October 16, 2019 **\$1920.27**

Receivables:	Bazaar	750.00
	Literacy Donation	13.50
	Dues	85.00
	Scholarship donations	50.00
	World Fellowship	13.50
	Total	912.00

Disbursements:

	Penick (Bazaar meals)	156.94
	DKG Society International	40.00
	Eta State	15.00
	Total	211.94

Balance January 16, 2020 **\$2,620.33**

Let's help the kids!!



RePaint



Art Supplies Drive

Do you have a surplus of art supplies in your closet? Do you buy more art supplies than you need? Why not donate them to the **RePaint Art Supplies Drive?**

Sponsored by the Arts Council of Moore County, the goal of RePaint is to collect art supplies and put them in the Moore County Schools' art classrooms.

Here's how you can help:

DROP OFF your supplies to the Arts Council offices (Campbell House, 82 E. Connecticut Ave., So. Pines). If you have a large amount, please contact us and we can pick the items up at your location.

RAISE MONEY. We will purchase supplies on your behalf. Mail your check (payable to APMC/RePaint) to Arts Council, P.O. Box 405, So. Pines, NC 28388, or drop it off at Campbell House.

In addition to a tax deduction, you will be influential in the artistic endeavors and education of a Moore County student.

For more information: 910-692-ARTS (2787) | kate@mooreart.org



Brushes
Canvases
Foam board
sharpies
masking tape
watercolor/acrylic/tempera paint

drawing/watercolor paper
sketch books
pastels
drawing pencils
colored pencils

Worth repeating...

Out with the Old, In with the New

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

There's an old saying, "If you continue to do what you've always done, you'll continue to get what you've always gotten." Consider that for a moment as you move into the new year. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create in the year ahead as you jazz it up in 2019. This month EEC efforts focus on stepping out of the "old" and into the "new."

Empower: Communication Chaos - Try a new method.

Email blast? Phone chain? Google Hangout? Instagram? Twitter? Keep members in the know!

Engage: Girls Night Out - Chapter meeting held at a local chocolatier (tour, tasting, dinner and fellowship, followed by DKG business meeting)

Create: Work on the Chapter Achievement in teams – design and submit a workshop for convention, create new teacher bags etc.

Get Connected: Become a Part of a Community of Writers

International Communications and Marketing Committee

Have you thought about submitting to the *DKG Journal* or *Collegial Exchange* but never got around to doing it? Do you need more guidance on the steps to take?

Based on feedback from conference attendees, the Editorial Board has brainstormed ways to encourage members to create and submit an article.

These include:

- Expanding the submission process to include two options: electronically through Google Forms as well as via email attachments at bulletin@dkg.org. Watch the website for information on the roll-out of this option!
- Adding another issue of the magazine due to popular demand.
- Creating a better balance between theme-based and non-themed submissions so that you can write on whatever educational interests you may have.
- Providing more clarity about Journal themes by asking questions and probing prompts to help your thinking.
- Adding the opportunity to invite or sponsor a nonmember who may want to publish in our journal to submit an article.
- Identifying previous authors to share their writing and publishing experiences through the DKG website, conferences, and all DKG publications.
- Continuing to provide workshops at international and state meetings.
- Exploring the addition of webinars to explain the various types of writing submissions in the Journal.

The Editorial Board members hope you will help share these ideas to broaden our DKG community of writers and add to your personal and professional goals to be published. viewpoints through publication has many benefits. Writing will help you clarify your thoughts and will create knowledge for others when shared. It establishes credibility, connects you with others with similar interests or ideas, and provides valuable experience—skills learned to prepare the manuscript will be transferrable to other publication efforts. Also, it will make you proud!

Submission Support Online

The DKG website provides specific information on submitting to *Bulletin* publications. The “*Bulletin* Submissions Guidelines,” under the Apply/Submit tab, includes manuscript preparation and submission, plus a link at the top to “*Bulletin* Journal and Magazine Evaluation Rubrics” and one at the bottom to “Detailed Explanation of Submission Categories.” A flyer under Resources → Brochures/Flyers gives an overview of the two formats and a publication schedule and themes table. If you need more support, contact the editorial staff at bulletin@dkg.org.

General Info

Although there is a suggested theme for each issue of the *Journal*, manuscripts on all topics are welcome. The *Collegial Exchange* is not theme-based.

Themes for the next two issues are “Evolving Nature of Schooling” (deadline March 1, 2020) and “Controversial Issues in Education” (May 15, 2020). Deadline for the next *Collegial Exchange* is August 1, 2020.

Submit electronically, in Microsoft Word format, to bulletin@dkg.org. All submissions will be acknowledged and assigned a review number within two weeks.

Electronic copies of *Journal* and *Collegial Exchange* are accessible on the DKG website. Click on the Publications tab on the menu bar.

Why Publish

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The January/February issue of DKG NEWS

The January/February 2020 issue of DKG NEWS is posted on the International website. A link is provided on the rotator on the main page or click on the graphic above. (You must be logged in to see the file.)

In addition to the nominees for International officers to be elected at the convention this summer, this issue contains Administrative Board actions taken at the November 2019 meeting, the announcement of the speakers at the convention, a schedule at a glance of the convention, and an overview of the proposed amendments for the 2020 convention, among others.

Stay informed about all levels of our Society. Read this issue of DKG NEWS.

***To log on to the International site, your user name is your membership number, and your password is probably still **dkg2014society** unless you have changed it. ***