

Pease bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Keep it simple to make it easy on yourself! I collected quite a few packages of plastic coated clips for the Eta State Convention project at our March Meeting. If you were not able to contribute then, I will have the box again for the donations at our April meeting. These clips will be part of the bigger picture where beginning teachers in Region II (the host region for the convention) will be showered with supplies as they begin their career. I will take them to Greenville when I go, April 25-27th. There is still time for someone else to sign up to go. I recommend this trip especially for new officers.

Lorna Clack and Juanita Harbour told us how delighted recipients are at the Laundromats to have access to the books and activities we have donated. Please continue to bring these items to the meetings and they will be distributed on an ongoing basis. If you are in Vass or Robbins, feel free to drop them off as well. Contact Lorna or Juanita if you have questions.

The international convention is in Indianapolis this year from July 28th – August 1st. Attending specialized workshops and speakers can be used for obtaining professional development hours. Using the DKG website provides vital information for you to discover much information about our organization. I encourage you to explore the sight to see the wealth in information available to all members!

Our April meeting will also be a time to celebrate the induction of a new slate of officers. I have been honored to be your president for the past two years. You have been supportive and helpful and I know that we will all continue with the same fraternal support for the new leaders coming in. I thank you all for coming to the meetings and contributing to the success of Gamma Sigma. It truly does take a village to serve and receive.

If you have been a committee chair, please bring your folders with information to the April meeting for Nancy Simonette to distribute to her newly appointed committee chairs. Anything that you have in the way of suggestions would be appreciated additions added to the folders.

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Other Announcements

Save the Date for

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Pipes/Drums/Brass in Concert

National Tartan Day, Sunday, April 6, 2014, 2pm

Robert E. Lee Auditorium, Pinecrest High School

FREE ADMISSION

April 1, 2014

Gamma Sigma Meeting West Pine Middle
Appetizer, Salad, Dessert Covered Dish

April 5, 2014

ETA State Convention
Early Registration Ends

April 25-27, 2014

ETA State Convention
Greenville Hilton, Greenville, NC
More information @
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

July 28-August 1, 2014

International Convention
JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
More information @ <http://www.dkg.org>

April 24-26, 2015

ETA State Convention
Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill, NC



“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” ~ Aristotle

Who's Who

Can you guess which Gamma Sigma Sister?

1. Who started their Moore County Career as a music teacher?
2. Who was once the Principal of Carthage Elementary?
3. Who has been honored as North Carolinas AIG Teacher of the Year?



Membership Report

Membership Chair: Wanda Sweeney

Forms for recommendation for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma were available at our February 25 meeting. Members should be considering those who might be eligible for membership. To be considered for invitation for active membership, a woman educator must:

- Have had professional preparation.
- The new rule includes **no requirement** for amount of service as a professional educator in advance of the invitation, **nor** does it eliminate retired educators from the pool of eligible candidates.
- Have professional proficiency, with characteristics such as:
 1. Knowledge and skill in her area of educational work.
 2. Active participation in professional groups at local, state, regional, national, and/or international levels.
 3. Interest in professional growth revealed through reading, attending workshops, participating in educational travel and pursuing graduate study.
 4. Willingness to participate in professional research and investigation.
 5. Willingness to assume leadership responsibilities.
- Be a contributing member of her community.

Our chapter discussed the option of talking with prospective members prior to their recommendation in order to ensure their interest in joining Delta Kappa Gamma.

Recommendation for membership forms can be downloaded from the DKG website, which is www.dkg.org. The form will be under Membership and is Form 11. If you need me to mail you a form, I will be happy to if you just let me know. **The deadline for e-mailing me the name of your nominee is by Tuesday, March 25. Please bring the nomination Form 11 to our April 1 meeting.** When talking with nominees, you might want to mention that the dues for their first year would be \$90 and there would be an additional cost for their keypins.

Reinstatement of Former Members

Please consider approaching former Gamma Sigma members and inviting them to be reinstated in our DKG Society. At one time, a member who dropped her DKG membership could only return if the chapter approved. Now a former member shall be reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request.



Showering New Teachers with Supplies Convention Project for 2014



The Eta State 2014 Convention Project is **Showering New Teachers with Supplies!** In order to collect a wide variety of supplies, each region has been assigned a supply to bring. These supplies will be divided and given to the chapters in Region 2 for beginning teachers. A distinctive tag will be attached to each bag of supplies. The decorative tag will let the beginning teachers know that Eta State members from across NC (from Manteo to Murphy) donated these supplies. Possible tag message: *The Eta State members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International thank you for your dedication to students of NC.*

Please direct questions to: Tammy Cullom (Tammy.cullom@craven.k12.nc.us)
Chairman of the Eta State Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Supplies by Region

Region 1- Post-it notes

Region 2- gift cards for \$5 (Walmart, Target, Staples, Office Depot, etc.)

Region 3- dry erase markers and erasers

Region 4- highlighters

Region 5- Clorox wipes

Region 6- plastic coated paperclips and paper clamps

Region 7- dry erase markers and erasers

Region 8- pens and pencils

Region 9- 8oz. bottles hand sanitizer with pump

Region 10- glue sticks

Region 11- gift cards for \$5 (Walmart, Target, Staples, Office Depot, etc.)

We sincerely appreciate your donations of teacher supplies!

Thank you for bringing your supplies to the registration desk at the Eta State Convention in April!



Who's Who Answers

1. Anita Alpenfels
2. Dr. Lorna Clack
3. Peggy Crawford



Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes
February 25, 2014
(re-scheduled from February 15, 2014)
Moore County Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Sara Webster. Juanita Harbour presented the invocation.

Approval of Minutes- The previous meeting notes were approved without revision.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Annette Blue. The current balance as of February 25, 2014 is \$1,635.82. This includes the \$2 per member payment forwarded to Headquarters as well as the proceeds from the bazaar. Several members who could not attend the bazaar made monetary contributions to the chapter. Please consider this if you are unable to attend the bazaar in the future. Discussion related to the President's Pin ensued. Annette indicated that the current price for a gold pin is about \$500, but a gold plated one could be purchased for about \$30. The current pin was passed down to Sara from Judy. Several members expressed opinions that the president's pin is an honor to own and each president should have one to keep. After discussion, the group decided to do both. The gold pin would be passed down, but each president would receive a gold plated pin to keep.

Correspondence- Sara read a thank you note from Ashlee Ciccone.

Second Vice-Presidents Notes- Anita shared an important revision to the calendar. Due to the school system's spring break, the new date for the last meeting of the season has been changed to **April 1, 2014 West Pine Middle School 5:30 pm**

Program: Tina Kissell "I Take Action for Children & Moore County's Invisible Homeless" Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share.

Anita suggested that, as we listen to the presentation, we consider adopting this cause as a chapter project.

Scholarship – Nancy Simonnette reported that applications for the annual scholarship have been delivered to the schools and the deadline is April 1.

Fellowship- Kitty Appanaitis passed the basket and thanked all for their support.

Literacy – Peggy Olney reported that \$500 was spent to buy a book for each child at Robbins Elementary. These would probably be presented by the librarian as part of their library time. Lorna reported on the success of the Laundromat project. Everything, including the box, have been taken and used by the patrons! So, we need to start again. She wants to "Do 1 and do it well." Please bring crayons, books, coloring books and magazines to future meetings. The popularity of magazines is

especially noted, and she feels the patrons really appreciate them. If you are able to take your donations directly to the Robbins Laundromat that would work too!

Nominating Committee- Linda Bryant shared the slate of officers for the 2014-2016 term: President: Nancy Simonette Co Vice Presidents: Deb Favinger and Kate Faw 2nd Vice President: Virginia Fayad Recording Secretary: Lorna Clack Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Collins

Membership Committee- Wanda mentioned the March 25th deadline. We will vote at the April 1 meeting.

New Business: The members present completed a membership profile which was to be returned to Headquarters. Members also were surveyed for suggestions for new programs and committee choices.
Dates to Remember: ETA State Convention: April 25-27
Leadership Training for New Officers: June 21
District VI to send plastic coated paper clips, so please bring some to the April meeting.

Program: “A Book is Born, Encouraging Children to Read” by Beverly Lashley.
Beverly presented an entertaining, informative and lively book talk related to her book about cats.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Favinger