

Gamma Sigma Signal

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, December 7th 9:00am Bazaar/Luncheon

Program: Bazaar, Delta Rho Chapter

Location: **Pinehurst Members Club**

Invocation: Delta Rho Chapter

Hostesses: Jane McPhaul* (692-7272)
Robyn Lam (295-0068)
Teresa Little (692-9430)



**** Please make checks for the Bazaar to Delta Rho. Their treasurer, Terry Norris, will be collecting money.**

President's Message

President: Sara Webster

We are in for a treat to have our meeting this December 7th at the newly renovated Pinehurst Members Club. Jane has given us several bits and pieces of advice for the meeting. The tables will be ready by 8:15 am. Please arrive before 9 to arrange your bazaar items on the tables or as directed by the hostesses, (Jane McPhaul, Teresa Little, and Robyn Lam) and the bazaar committee. Jane suggested that we use the mailing labels for our raffle tickets, expediting that process as well. Coffee, tea, and juice will be available upon your arrival

The auction will begin at 9am, and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:00. Last year we were able to begin the meeting a little early because everyone had finished

perusing the bazaar items and had made decisions for raffles and purchases. That way we can be seated and ready to be served. The bazaar committee will be calling out the names of raffle winners as we wait enabling us to get out a little earlier.

Please respond to Jane with your RSVP no later than **December 3rd**. I know it is so easy to put off the response, but it is so much easier on all the hostesses if you will do so as soon as you can. Bring in donations of baked goods, craft items, and other items of interest. Seeing a beautifully decorated facility and visiting with Gamma Sigma and Delta Rho sisters is a great way to get into the spirit of Christmas. Invite prospective members and friends to this special occasion. This is our only fundraiser and your presence is needed and appreciated!

Please remember that the speed limit in Pinehurst is now 25mph. Jane has requested valet parking for us with a minimal charge and a \$2 tip is sufficient for each automobile.

Sara Webster
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Surveys!

There are two different surveys out there! Make sure you have your members answer both. I know this is little confusing so you will need to help everyone keep them straight!

The first one due is the Eta State Preference Survey by November 15. You need to tally the results on this one and send the results to Connie Savell at mcdpm59@gmail.com. This survey is a short one about member preferences for Eta State meetings. Go to the Eta State Homepage to find the survey at:
<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/>.

The second survey is from the Education Law and Policy Committee and can be completed online at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15tGE1r74GkzDWHuX8AjRzfEfNIwokDaz9AT4MdQO6S0/viewform>.

You only need to know when members have completed the survey. The deadline is November 20 for this one. It is very important to get members to respond so that we can be “member strong” when communicating with legislators.



November 20, 2013

Complete the legislative survey on key legislative positions

December 7, 2013

**Gamma Sigma Meeting
Pinehurst Members Club 9am**

February 1, 2014

International Scholarship Applications are due.
Go to the Society website and look under FORMS.

February 1, 2014

Biennial reports due to ETA State

February 15, 2014

**Gamma Sigma Meeting
Central Office MCS 9:30am Catered**

April 15, 2014

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

April 25-27, 2014

ETA State Convention
Greenville Hilton, Greenville, NC

July 28-August 1, 2014

International Convention
JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN

April 24-26, 2015

ETA State Convention
Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill, NC

*"Live as if you were
to die tomorrow.*

*Learn as if you were
to live forever."*

— Mahatma Gandhi

Who's Who

Can you guess which Gamma Sigma Sister?

1. Who among us has the distinguished honor of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine?
2. Who has pets named "Hammer" and "Ugly Bird"?
3. Who has a post doctorate degree from Princeton?

Treasure's Report

Treasure: Annette Blue

Thank you to all who have paid your dues in a timely manner this year! A few of you have indicated you plan to remain a member of Gamma Sigma chapter but have not sent your dues to me. I will be sending my dues report along with a check for our dues to the state treasurer in the next couple of days. Please send your check to me as soon as possible!

I am pleased to report that none of our members have resigned this year. We have added five new members so our current total membership is 59.

At the September meeting we agreed to contribute \$2 per member to the maintenance of the State Headquarters. If you have not contributed \$2 toward this effort please do so.

Thanks!
Annette



Membership Report

Membership Chair: Wanda Sweeney

Our December meeting is a perfect time to touch base with our sisters and reserve members to encourage them to attend our Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar. If you have nominated new members in the past, it is also a wonderful opportunity to contact them to see if they can attend this December meeting with Delta Rho. The Bazaar is our only fundraiser to provide money for our scholarship that is awarded each year to a senior. What a fun day it is as we begin Christmas shopping at the Bazaar and share a delicious lunch with our sisters! I'll look forward to seeing you on December 7.



Literacy Initiative Report

Literacy Initiative Chair: **Peggy Olney**

The Literacy Committee is recommending that we donate our \$500.00 in the budget to Robbins Elementary School for two RIF distributions this year.

We also recommend that we assist Lorna Clack with a project to be a positive force in local laundromats where there is a teaching opportunity with young children and their parents. Lorna is requesting that we help her gather children's books and magazines, coloring books, crayons, blank paper, and sharpened pencils. In Lorna's words there are "so many children with so little to inspire reading and writing. Would those of you who would like to help with this service just bring me bags of stuff to assimilate for our Laundromat Project at our next meeting"? So add a bag of "literacy goodies" to your Christmas item(s) and bring them to our December meeting.

If you have ideas for other things we can do for literacy or numeracy, please share them with the committee.

Peggy Olney



Who's Who Answers

1. Gladys Britt
2. Carol Cummings
3. Sarah Hawes



Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Crain's Creek Middle School. After enjoying a covered dish supper, the group was called to order by President Sara Webster as she, Anita Alpenfels, Peggy Olney, Judy Loving and Wanda Sweeney gathered for our initiation ceremony. New members welcomed into Delta Kappa Gamma were Libby Carter, Tambra Chamberlain, Peggy Crawford,

Sara James, and Dedra Ann Waller.

Lynne Harward presented the invocation, reading the peace prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

To celebrate and recognize long-time membership (25 years or more) in Delta Kappa Gamma, President Webster presented Eta State's Membership Awards to Ellen Woodard, Jane McPhaul, Virginia Fayad, Judy Loving, Linda Bryant, Carol Cummings, Dot McDonald, Dot McDonald, Joan Matula, and Peggy Olney. Wanda Sweeney shared a poem, "Walk Proudly, You Are A Teacher," which was written by Edna Subert, a DKG member. Gamma Sigma has sixteen active members and four reserve members who have been members of DKG for 25 years or more. Ellen Woodard has been a member for 56 years and Jane McPhaul for 51 years. The combined years of membership in the Society for our chapter totaled 749. A few of the recipients entertained the group with humorous anecdotes about their experiences in education.

After the minutes were approved with no corrections, Treasurer Annette Blue presented her report. She also stated that the executive board had determined, due to a few past instances of returned checks, any bank fees resulting from insufficient funds would be paid by the person who wrote the check.

Jane McPhaul provided information about a project sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) concerning plans for setting up a children's reading nook in a selected Laundromat in Carthage. She encouraged members to contact her if they are able to help with this project by donating children's books and/or providing suggestions for reading material for childcare persons.

President Webster shared thank-you cards from Lucille Leeman and Mary Spots, representative from FirstHealth's Clara McLean House.

Linda Bryant reported on the Eta State Board meeting at Elon University on Saturday, September 14. Included was a request for each member to contribute two dollars to help support the maintenance and upkeep of DKG

Headquarters in Asheboro. Annette Blue, treasurer, said it would be easier to write one check for the total amount for our chapter, then pass a basket to collect money. Lucille Leeman presented the motion, and Peggy Olney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda also reminded members that the nominations committee will be working on a new slate of officers to be presented for a vote this coming spring. Anyone willing to serve as an officer is encouraged to call Linda, Dot McDonald, or Jane McPhaul. There will be plenty of help for those who agree to serve.

Jane McPhaul reported that our annual December Bazaar/Luncheon will be held in the junior ballroom of the newly remodeled Pinehurst Members Club. She reminded us that guests will be welcome and that each member will pay for her guest's lunch. For the benefit of our new members, Sara added that this fun event serves as a fundraiser for our grant-in-aid to a high school senior planning to major in education.

Kitty Appanaitis passed the basket for donations to World Fellowship.

Anita Alpenfels reported that the flash drives, our gifts for new teachers in Moore County, were well received and are being used. Out of the 130 prepared, she has a few left and will present those to additional new hires during the year.

Peggy Olney passed the Brag Basket for Literacy.

Margaret Hinesley asked that members let her know if they have or know of a large house outside of town that a group of ten could rent during the U.S. Open in June.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bryant
For recording secretary Debbie Favinger