

# Gamma Sigma Signal

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
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*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday, September 17      5:30pm      Covered Dish  
(reserve members in attendance)

**Program:** Member Initiation & Getting to Know You

**Location:** Crain's Creek Middle School  
1631 Union Church Road, Carthage

**Invocation:** Lynne Harward

**Hostesses:** Debbie Favinger (949-3316 or deb0320@yahoo.com)

Elaine Tucker

Joan Matula



## President's Message

**President:** Sara Webster

It hardly seems possible that a year of our biennium has already passed. I look forward to another successful year! We were able to accomplish many things last year, enough to earn a "Distinctive" Chapter Achievement Award. Annette Blue won a pin for having every report correct and in on time. Thanks, Annette, for a job well done. Our programs have been so informative and interesting. Thank you to Anita Alpenfels and the executive board for pitching in last summer to insure that we are on track with the state and national DKG objectives. We were able to achieve another state goal with the new teacher initiative recently when we distributed 130 flash drives to every new teacher in Moore County. I look forward to another prosperous year with Gamma Sigma!

The state biennium theme is "***Together, We Are Stronger – Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!***" At the April Eta State Convention the vision statement adopted was "***Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators***". This theme and vision statement is probably more important today than ever before. We celebrate our new members of Gamma Sigma and commit ourselves to collaborate together with them and all of our sisters to promote present and future leaders.

There is an online gallery for DKG members to showcase their talents. There has been an ongoing contest for the name of the gallery and the winning entry is to be posted on the DKG website after August 20. The first application period for the gallery is August 1-September 1. It will go live in November. If you would like to submit your work in any of the five categories (Literary Works, Two –and-Three Dimensional Art, Performance Art, Photography or Crafts) the Application Form and Procedures for Submission are on the DKG website.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Emily Lucas, our Region VI director, on August 6<sup>th</sup> with the other chapter presidents in our region. It was a very informative meeting as I listened to others report about the interesting programs in their chapters. I definitely brought back some good ideas from them.

At our September meeting, we are celebrating and recognizing all of our members who have been in Delta Kappa Gamma for 25 or more years. Would you believe that one of our sisters has been a member for 56 years! We have many with impressive membership years in our midst! Be sure to put September 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Crain’s Creek Middle School will be the location and we will have a covered dish supper at 5:30 pm. **We will have an executive board meeting at 5 pm.** If you live near one of our reserve members and would like to offer them a ride, please let Wanda Sweeney know. We are encouraging “buddying up” this year, especially with our transfers and other sisters who may wish to carpool. Wanda is coordinating this membership celebration as well as the initiation of our new Gamma Sigma Sisters. Thank you Wanda!

I would ask that you sit with your committee during our covered dish and discuss any plans for the coming year. Since we met in committees last year to plan for the biennium, you should just be reviewing that which needs to be done to complete your goals.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm at Crain’s Creek Middle School on Union Church Road! Join us as we return to Gamma Sigma friendships, catching up, and celebrating membership in an outstanding chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sara S. Webster  
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### **Treasurer’s Report**

**Chair: Annette Blue**

As chapter treasurer I must receive dues for the 2013-2014 year no later than October 31, 2013. My membership report and dues check must be sent to the state treasurer with a postmark no later than November 10, 2013. Dues for this year are \$80 for active members, \$25 for reserve members, and \$90 for initiates, which is the same as last year. The chart below shows the allocation of dues.

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
International	\$40	\$20
Eta State	15	2

Scholarship Fund	1	1
Chapter	24	2
Total	80	25

Initiates pay an additional \$10 in initiation fees. Of that amount, \$2.50 goes to International, \$2.50 goes to Eta State, and \$5.00 remains with our chapter.

Please pay your dues at the September meeting if at all possible. If you do not plan to attend that meeting please send your dues directly to me: Annette Blue, 3021 Vass Carthage Road, Carthage, NC 28327.

Gamma Sigma chapter values each of you as a contributing member of our organization. Your help is essential to the completion our chapter goals. To retain you on our membership roster I must receive your dues by October 31 or receive a communication from you indicating you will pay your dues as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for making my job much easier as you send you dues in a timely manner!

### **Membership News**

**Chair: Wanda Sweeney**

Thanks to the leadership and guidance of our president, Sara and our Executive Committee, Gamma Sigma has been named a chapter at the Distinctive Level at our Eta State Convention. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to Gamma Sigma. Now others will also realize what we already know that Gamma Sigma is a successful and wonderful chapter!

Annette, our treasurer, was also honored and recognized for submitting perfect forms! She was presented with a Chapter Treasurer's Pin. Annette keeps up with all our financial concerns and reports to state and international headquarters. We can't thank her enough for her attention to details. What a blessing Annette is to our chapter!

Locally, we want to recognize Ashlee Ciccone for being named principal of Pinehurst Elementary School! Congratulations, Ashlee and we are so proud of you!

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for our next meeting:

**Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 PM**

**Covered Dish**

**Crain's Creek Middle School**

How exciting it will be as we initiate and welcome five new members at this meeting. I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful summer!

Literacy Committee

Peggy Olney

We allocated \$250.00 to both Robbins Elementary and Aberdeen Elementary. Aberdeen Elementary had an author visit and purchased books for teachers to use with students as a follow up to that visit. Robbins Elementary purchased books for students to select in conjunction with a RIF presentation. Earlier in the year Gamma Sigma was awarded a special grant of 1,000 books from Macy's and First Book for Robbins Elementary for all grades

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**Delta Kappa Gamma  
Gamma Sigma Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2013**

**Pot Luck Dinner and Presentation by  
Dr. Aaron Spence Superintendent of MCS**

Dr. Spence was introduced by Dr. Anita Alpenfels. He spoke to the present condition of the school system in Moore County.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sara Webster at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Annette Blue gave the Treasurer's Report. She also read a thank you from Beverly Helms (International President) for a \$25 DKG contribution to the Emergency Fund which helps members with a major loss due to natural disaster.

Other Committee Reports :

- Membership: Wanda Sweeney announced that there were five nominees interested in membership. Information on the nominees was shared. Robyn Lam presented for Sara James and Libby Carter, Linda Donnell presented for Peggy Crawford, and Margaret Hinesley presented for Dedra Waller
- and Tandra Chamberlain. Forms were distributed for voting.
- Health updates on several members were shared.
- Robyn Lam presented concerns regarding the annual scholarship process. This year's recipient is Bethany Daley from Union Pines High School. The concern arises from the fact that she was the only applicant

who followed through the entire process for consideration. The applicants are only required to write one paragraph as well as submit an application. Robyn questions if the scholarship coordinators are following up. She proposes that we abandon the practice of rotating schools. This item will be reviewed at the September meeting as it will involve a committee amendment to a standing rule.

- World Fellowship basket and the Brag basket was passed by Kitty Appanaitis.
- Candace Turk shared a thank you for the \$700 donation made by her DKG sisters. Teachers at her school can now use BoardWorks to supplement instruction. They love the technology and the students are engaged in the learning. They are very thankful.
- Wanda Sweeney announced that the five nominees were unanimously approved and they would be inducted at the September meeting.
- Beverly Lashley awarded the attendance award to team 3. Door prizes were distributed also.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.