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

## **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**September 20, 2014**      9:30 am      Catered Lunch - \$16.00  
(make checks payable to Gamma Sigma)

**Program:** Educational Law Update  
Lynn Harloe Ragsdale  
Eta State

**Location:** Belle Meade Club House  
100 Waters Drive, Southern Pines

**Invocation:** Peggy Olney

**Hostesses:** Carol Cummings (910-949-2966) or  
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Annette Blue  
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All items for the newsletter should be submitted 4 weeks prior to the next meeting date.

**International Website:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**Eta State Website:**

[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC)

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**President's Message**

## Nancy Simonette

Almost September! The beginning of a new year - for teachers and educators the new year always seemed to be starting in the autumn, and not in January. Gamma Sigma is also beginning a new two years, and the executive board has planned informative and relevant meetings for our "new year".

State President Pat Taylor has put forth two themes for her term: Teachers as Leaders and Re-Committing to Membership. Both of these themes involve commitment from members. Gamma Sigma sisters certainly are committed to helping new teachers, our community, and our profession. The focus of the meetings this year will reflect this, and we are hoping to add one or two "doing" projects to our program. We are so fortunate to have a vibrant chapter with involved and willing members. I have found this to be true when I called upon members to be committee chairman or to serve on committees.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, September 20th at 9:30 am at the Belle Meade Clubhouse. We have an outstanding speaker, Lynn Harloe Ragsdale, chairman of the Eta State Committee - North Carolina Liaison for the U.S. Forum. What a timely subject with the upcoming November elections! Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. A luncheon at Belle Meade will follow the meeting.

The new books for the biennium will not be available until the December meeting. Some of the information was very outdated, and since certain e-mail addresses can no longer be used for personal messages, we need to update those as well. We will have a page available at the meeting for you to update all information and also add any additional information as well.

The Eta State President, Pat Taylor, will be joining us on September 20th. Also attending our first meeting will be Region VI Director, Karen Bullard.

On a personal note, a heartfelt thank-you to each member of the executive board and especially Sara Webster, for all their hard work and support given to me as I start the office of president. I have been told by several members that Sara will be a hard act to follow - - I will do my best to live up to the standards that she has set, and look forward to serving as your president for the next two years.

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to our new year of challenges and opportunities.

Nancy Simonette, President  
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## First Vice-Presidents' Message

**Debbie Favinger & Kate Faw**

We are both very excited for our upcoming programs! Our executive board worked hard to create a diverse and engaging group of presenters for our next eight meetings and we hope you will all attend! Please pay careful attention to each meeting's invocation and hostesses. If you've been selected to fill one of these roles, please come to the meeting prepared to fulfill your duties. If you have any questions about your role, please feel free to contact either Debbie (910-949-3316) or Kate (910-603-5541). Also, please **remember to RSVP** to the head hostess at least a week prior to the event.

Our first meeting will be **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, at Belle Meade Clubhouse**, a new venue for us. We will have several dignified guests, including the Eta State President, Pat Taylor. Our speaker, Lynn Harloe

Ragsdale, will update us all on Educational Law. Our board has opted to focus our budget on all of our wonderful programs, therefore we *respectfully request that each member pay \$16 for the delicious lunch* Belle Meade is providing. Checks can be made payable to Gamma Sigma and should be submitted before or at the meeting.

As we worked on the 2014-2016 Biennial Directory, we realized that many of our members contact information is outdated and/or needs to be changed. The Gamma Sigma Yearbook is also sadly out of date. Therefore, we have opted to take the September meeting to update our contact information. We will then compile the information and have our directories ready for the December meeting. Please take a minute to *fill out the attached Yearbook Update*. You may send it to our chapter e-mail [DKGGammaSigma@gmail.com](mailto:DKGGammaSigma@gmail.com) or you can bring it with you to the meeting. If you have a picture you'd like to include please send/bring that as well. Otherwise, we will track you down to take a snapshot!

Attached you will also find an updated Committee List. Please make contact with your chairs to see what you can do to help.

Thanks for all your help! Let us know if we can do anything for you.

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## Treasurer's Message

**Annette Blue**

As we begin our new year it's once again time to submit your yearly dues. Our current account balance is \$188.24. The dues we collect fund our expenses throughout the year.

To maintain your membership in our Gamma Sigma chapter I must receive your dues for the 2014 – 2015 year no later than October 31. My membership report and dues check must be sent to the state treasurer with a postmark no later than November 10. 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.

	Active	Reserve
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.

Our chapter voted last year to collect \$2 from each member to send to Eta State to help maintain the state headquarters building in Asheboro. Please include this extra \$2 in your dues check. **That means an active member owes \$82 and a reserve member owes \$27.**

Please pay your dues at the September meeting if at all possible. Make your check payable to Gamma Sigma. If you do not plan to attend the meeting please send your dues directly to me:

**Annette Blue, 3021 Vass Carthage Road, Carthage, NC 28327.**

Gamma Sigma values each of you as a contributing member of our organization. Your help is essential to the completion of 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 your dues in a timely manner!**

Annette Blue, Treasurer  
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**November 1, 2014** - Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Seminar Award Application

**November 15, 2014** - Applications due to Nominations Committee for 2015-17 Eta State Officers

**December 6, 2014** - 9 am Gamma Sigma Holiday Bazaar at Pinehurst Members Club – Union Pines Chapter

**April 24-26, 2015** - Eta State Convention theme “Dare to Lead.” – Chapel Hill, NC

**June 17-20, 2015** – ETA State Leadership Development Seminar - Raleigh, NC

**July 15-18, 2015** – Southeast Regional Conference – Savannah, GA





*President Pat's Message – from August, 2014 - Eta Data*



### **How I Became a DKG Member**

“In 1999, a co-worker invited me to a meeting of a group of women educators. She did not tell me the name of the organization. When I arrived, there were several members I knew. Some worked at my school and in the education community. The group was filled with boxes with items for the homeless. I expressed my desire to join the organization and the group said they were excited that I wanted to join! They said they would send an invitation to me!”

So begins President Pat's story of how she became a DKG member. You'll be surprised what happens next! Read the entire message at

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

guides you step by step. The user selects the type of website to build, then picks a template. Sections of the template selected are editable so it is virtually impossible to make a mistake. This is another tool to engage learners with a different way to present their knowledge.

- Photo story, a web based tool developed from Microsoft, allows PC's to create slideshows to share online. Users can bring their own personal images to create stunning video presentations. The program does everything for you automatically, providing many transitions and zoom features in presentations.

- Photo story is now available for Mac's from Wondershare.net and is compatible with Mac OS 10.6, 10.7, 10.8(Lion). Like the PC version, users can import photos, music and video clips to create a new presentation. New templates have been added along with voiceover and narration. Each themed template has its own music but your own music can be added. Presentations are easy to share on YouTube, Facebook, burn to a DVD or export to iTunes. Watch creations on an iPod, iPhone or iPad.

### **Find technology tools for the classroom**

*Article from July/August 2014 DKG News*

- Socrative.com allows instant feedback and is an excellent tool to use with students to collect responses quickly. Students can respond on a smartphone or tablet. The teacher sets the questions, answer type, collection time period. The teacher launches the quiz and provides a room number to students for access. No username is needed. A student enters the room number and the quiz opens.
- Animoto.com provides a quick and easy method for creating video content complete with background music. Students can

complete an Animoto video as a digital essay on any topic. An app is available for smartphones and tablets. As a teacher, apply for the education version. The education format is free and considered an upgrade to the basic free account. To qualify for an education account, you must have a working school or university email address. Application for an education account takes a short period of time. • Wix.com allows students to easily create their own websites. This tool is effortless. To start, an account must be created. After logging in, the tool

**The July/August issue of *DKG News* is online at <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-news-julaug-2014>**



This is a digital- only issue and will not be mailed to members.

## **Legislative Update from the Educational Law and Policy Committee**

**By: Dr. Elaine Jenkins, Chair, and Lynn Ragsdale, Legislative Liaison - from July, 2014 *Eta State***

This information was written on July 7, so by the time you receive *Eta Data*, a number of decisions may have been made in the General Assembly. At this point, here are a few things that we know:

The House and Senate have very different versions of the budget bill as it pertains to salary increases for educators. The House recommendation, which includes a 5% increase for teachers, no removal of tenure, and the maintenance of teacher assistant status was rejected by the Senate. The Senate version offers a larger increase in pay if teachers trade in their tenure status. In addition, both houses disagree on how to fund their plans. This will be an interesting week.

It looks as though Common Core is on its way out; however, we do not know exactly how the implementation of new standards will take place.

A bill to make it easier to create new charter schools passed the House along with a provision that would exempt charter schools from publishing staff salaries along with names. The governor and key senators have opposed that particular section of the law.

Our committee sent out a sample email for our members to use in communicating with their General Assembly members, and hopefully, you have sent messages or letters to your reps in Raleigh. If you have not, please don't think that it is too late - our legislators need to hear from the professionals!



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## **Delta Kappa Gamma Society Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes**

April 1, 2014

(re-scheduled from April 15, 2014)

West Pine Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Sara Webster. Guests Sara Bigley (presenter) and Emily Lucas (Regional Director) were introduced and welcomed. The invocation was read by Candace Turk highlighting the importance of “sisters”. A covered dish dinner followed.

At 6:05 Sara Bigley presented her program entitled “I Take Action for Moore County’s Invisible Homeless.” She explained the McKinney-Vento legislation and highlighted the importance for the 202 families currently receiving services in Moore County. Sara acknowledged Tambra Chamberlain’s assistance in putting the program together for tonight’s meeting.

The business meeting proceeded.

- A motion was made and seconded for the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting to be approved without revision.
- The Treasurer’s report was presented by Annette Blue. She reported the balance as of April 1, 2014 to be \$1701.94. There was an increase of \$66.12 from the previous meeting attributed to the Literacy, World Fellowship and Headquarters funds.
- Nancy Simonette reminded everyone of the applications for scholarship that were still available.

- Kitty Appanaitis passed the World Fellowship basket.
- Lorna Clack presented information on the Laundromat Literacy Initiative which was recently pictured in The Pilot. This exposure helped raise awareness and encouraged someone to donate \$100 for books. The Brag Basket was passed at this time.
- Wanda Sweeney, of the Membership Committee, reported that Dr. Betty Brown would be a membership transfer. She would join us in the fall. Also, Evelyn Monroe was unanimously voted in as an honorary member.
- Beverly Lashley reported on the importance of signing in at every meeting. Team 3 was given special recognition for attendance and they each received a small gift.

New Business:

Sara announced the dates for the ETA State Convention (April 25-27) and for the Leadership Training for new Officers (June 21).

New officers for 2014 -2016 were inducted. They officially assume responsibilities on July 1, 2014.

President: Nancy Simonette

Co Vice Presidents: Debbie Favinger and Kate Faw

Second Vice President: Virginia Fayad

Recording Secretary: Dr. Lorna Clack

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Collins

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Favinger, 2012-2014 Recording Secretary

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Sigma**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Joined DKG: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (no school e-mails may be used): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (primary) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Place/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Information:	Emergency Contact:
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Job Title:	Past Positions:
Year Started in Education: _____	

Degree Information:	Honors Awarded:
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Five Fun Facts (books, hobbies, etc):

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Committees for 2014 - 2015

Society Business Committee	
<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Margaret Hinsely (chair)</li> <li>● Annette Blue</li> <li>● Beverly Lashley</li> <li>● Juanita Harbour</li> <li>● Sara Ruth Thompson</li> </ul>	<b>Membership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Virginia Fayad (chair)</li> <li>● Sarah Hawes</li> <li>● Libby Carter</li> <li>● Robin Lam</li> <li>● Anita Alpenfels</li> </ul>
<b>Publicity/Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kate Faw (chair)</li> <li>● Ashlee Ciccone</li> <li>● Player McPhaul</li> <li>● Sara James</li> <li>● Laura Todd</li> </ul>	<b>Nominations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Judy Loving (chair)</li> <li>● Kitty Appanaitis</li> <li>● Jane McPhaul</li> </ul>
Program of Work Committee	
<b>Program/Personal Growth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Debbie Favinger (chair)</li> <li>● Kate Faw</li> </ul>	<b>Scrapbook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peggy Crawford (chair)</li> <li>● Dedra Waller</li> <li>● Lisa Alexander</li> </ul>

<p><b>Holiday Bazaar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pam Zell (chair)</li> <li>● Lydia Conard</li> <li>● Linda Donnell</li> <li>● Linda Bryant</li> <li>● Teresa Little</li> <li>● June Allbright</li> <li>● Maryann Ciccoretti</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gladys Britt (chair)</li> <li>● Carol Cummings</li> <li>● Mary Alice Wicker</li> <li>● Ellen Woodard</li> </ul>
<p><b>Educational Services Committee</b></p>	
<p><b>Yearbook/Directory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Debbie Favinger (chair)</li> <li>● Sara Webster</li> <li>● Nancy Collins</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scholarship/Recruitment Grant-In-Aid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Candace Turk (chair)</li> <li>● Tambra Chamberlain</li> <li>● Sandra Florell</li> <li>● Joan Matula</li> </ul>
<p><b>World Fellowship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dot McDonald (chair)</li> <li>● Carol Cummings</li> <li>● Deborah Wilson</li> <li>● Ebbie Monroe</li> </ul>	<p><b>Educational Law &amp; Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elaine Sills (chair)</li> <li>● Lorna Clack</li> <li>● Phyllis Lambert</li> <li>● Donna Tew</li> </ul>
<p><b>Educational Initiative (New Teacher, Literacy, Numeracy, Etc)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tambra Chamberlin (chair)</li> <li>● Peggy Olney</li> <li>● Wanda Sweeney</li> <li>● Lisa Dunlap</li> <li>● Lynne Harward</li> <li>● Lucille Leeman</li> <li>● Betty Wells Brown</li> </ul>	