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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, February 9, 2019 *10 AM –11:30 AM**

**Program: Capturing Kids' Hearts
Donuts, scones, and coffee!**

**Location: Southern Middle School
Media Center**

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President's Message

Betty Wells Brown

Welcome to 2019!

Our time is going by too fast. Our next meeting is a Southern Middle School, February 9 at 9:00 AM. We hope you can join us.

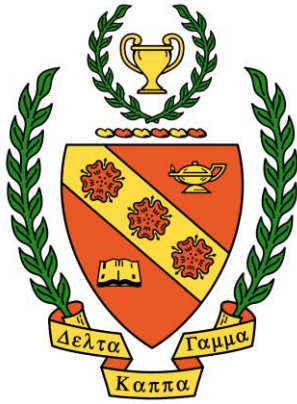
Remember to bring your nominations for new members to Christina Speiser. The sooner, the better. She will bring the names forward during our April meeting for a vote, and our installation will be during our fall meeting time.

Tricia Cox is recruiting volunteers for the Literacy Council, and our own Gamma Sigma members are looking for any assistance in their classrooms. We have needs in our elementary, middle and high school areas.

I look forward to seeing you all in February.

Betty

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MINUTES

Chapter Mtg.

Dec.8, 2018

The Delta Rho chapter joined the Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in convening at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Pinehurst Members' Club. Fourteen members of Gamma Sigma out of a membership of 36 members (28 active members, two honorary members and six reserve members) and 20 members of Delta Rho were in attendance.

The beginning of the meeting provided time for "shopping" at the bazaar with proceeds targeted to fund student scholarships. The program was provided during this time with holiday music from Pinecrest High School Chamber Orchestra students.

The two chapters then held their individual business meetings. After an invocation from Virginia Fayad, the minutes from the October meeting were unanimously approved. As an update, there is a conflict with the scheduled speaker for February 9, 2019, but a substitute program will be provided, and the meeting still will be held at Southern Middle School. President Betty Wells-Brown asked that members notify Christina Speiser of any proposed new members.

On behalf of the Budget Committee, Wanda Sweeney provided the 2018-2019 budget (provided below). There are two major changes: 1) The president's budget for the Eta State Convention was reduced from \$500 to \$400, and 2) the budget for the February meal was reduced. The budget was approved unanimously.

After the brag basket was passed, President Betty reminded members that the Eta State Convention is scheduled for May 3-5, 2019, in Lenoir. There are funds set aside

to support members' attendance. President Betty cannot attend and asked any member interested in attending to let her know.


A number of volunteer opportunities were described, including the following: 1) Virginia Fayad needs volunteers to help with Aberdeen Elementary School's upcoming book fair. 2) Patricia Cox needs volunteers for the Moore County Literacy Council's tutoring program, a one-hour to 90-minute daily commitment at Southern Pines Elementary with hopes of expansion to Southern Pines Primary School. Trisha will provide training for the program in January. 3) President Betty described an opportunity for volunteers to assist with math instruction. The contact is Lovesia Clark.

There was some concern that the meeting was held on the second Saturday in December instead of the first Saturday in December as is tradition. However, the change was made because the Members' Club was already booked. President Betty has conferred with Delta Rho, and they, too, would prefer to meet the first Saturday in December.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Anita W. Alpenfels
Recording Secretary



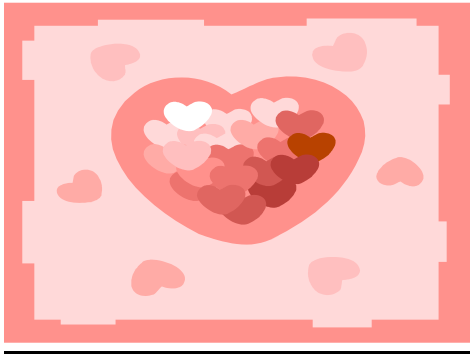
<p>Mar. 22-23 Eta State Leadership Seminar, Carraway Conf. Center, Asheboro</p> <p>April 9 Meeting at Pinecrest HS CTE room– 5:30 pm – Finger Foods (last names N-Z)</p> <p>May 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards</p> <p>May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory</p> <p>June 27-29 International Conference: Arts and Humanities, Asheville Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort</p> <p>July 7-11 DKG International Convention, Philadelphia</p> <p>July 15 Chapter Treasurer’s Annual Report due (form 15)</p>	



Capturing Kids’ Hearts

February’s presentation is on this program which helps teachers build relationships with students. “If you have a child’s heart, you have his mind.” The methods used should prove to be quite interesting. And, Wanda and Sara plan some yummy treats!

Please note that the meeting is at **10 AM** in the Media Center at Southern Middle School. We hope that you will join us.



Treasurer's Report

Becky Oldham

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Gamma Sigma Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance- November 15, 2018 **\$1949.79**

Receivables:	Bazaar	1590.00
	Literacy Donation	120.00
	Dues	20.00
	Scholarship	50.00
	Voided Check(dues)	1770.50 (amount sent was incorrect)
	Total	\$3,550.50

Disbursements:

Bazaar meals	388.00
Speaker Donation	100.00
	(PHS Orchestra)
Speaker Donation	100.00
	(L. Dedmond)
Delta Rho 1/2 Bazaar	795.00
ETA Dues	1763.00
	(corrected amount)
Overpaid Dues Refund	55.00
Total	\$3,201.00

Balance January 18, 2019

\$2,299.29

Convention Project to Benefit DKG Members

Hurricane Florence devastated many schools in eastern NC, and teachers are still trying to rebuild their classrooms and find necessary instructional materials.

Fund\$ for Florence, the Eta State NC 2019 Convention Project, will help DKG member-teachers. Bring gift cards and show your support of our members!

Connie Savell, Eta State President, said **Let's Sparkle** in the Eta State News Winter ed. and continue this effort to assist our members in the disaster areas. **Here are three other ways your chapters can assist:**

Contribute to the DKG Emergency Fund – Form 43, the DKG contribution form, is found on the DKG website. You must be logged in to access the form. Any contributions made to the Emergency Fund are tax deductible.

Support schools where our Eta State NC members teach that were destroyed/damaged by floods, or have displaced students at the school. Some ideas to collect are:

Gift cards to send to the teachers

New or slightly used books to donate to a teacher or to a damaged school

Cleaning supplies that can be used to combat mold in classrooms

Contribute to FAST North Carolina – This project, spearheaded by June Atkinson and Mike Ward, is raising funds for students and educators affected by Hurricane Florence. Read more about FAST NC and/or make a donation online at www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc.



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 the theme night centerpiece for the Asheville convention, etc.

HERE'S A FUN IDEA!

DKG International Conference: Arts and Humanities Needs our Help!

The International Conference: Arts & Humanities (formerly Southeast Regional Conference) is planned for June 27-29, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza in Asheville, NC. Eta State NC is the host for this conference. This means that we will need lots of volunteers to share a few hours to help showcase North Carolina hospitality. Then you can enjoy the rest of the conference. Those interested in volunteering may contact Tobey Worthington, Conference Volunteer Chair, or Sheila Groves, Conference Planning Committee Chair.

Eta State NC chapters are also being invited to join in the fun of being part of the International Conference in Asheville. Chapters may design one centerpiece that showcases your area of North Carolina. The centerpieces will debut at NC Theme Night, the International Conference opening event, and will be used throughout the weekend. These unique pieces will be sold at the conclusion of the conference with proceeds to Eta State NC.

A few simple guidelines are listed below to keep the size of the centerpieces consistent:

- Clear Gallon Jar (pickle, Ball, or other clear container of that size)
- Fill the jar with items that represent your area of NC (sea shells, peanuts, acorns, cotton balls, photographs, memorabilia, etc.) Candles must be battery operated.
- Remember this decorator tip: a filler, a spiller, and a thriller, make an interesting centerpiece.
- Provide a piece of burlap (approximately 18" x 18") and a wooden round on which the jar will be placed.
- Bring or send your centerpiece to the Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, by Thursday, June 27.

Who wants to do this? We could make a cool one from our area!

Update on International Conference

Coming to Asheville in June

Conference Registration

Registration for the Asheville Conference will be available on the DKG website in the next few days. Because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.

Hotel Registration

Hotel registration is available online.

Pre-Conference Tours-Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Four pre-conference tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 26. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared, along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. Watch for more information about these tours soon but mark your calendars now!

Eta State NC Volunteers Needed

Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help.

A REQUEST FROM THE LITERACY COUNCIL

ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN HELP!

Thank you all for the superb job you are doing with the 3rd Grade Reading Initiative. Based on the conversations I have had with you, as well as from my observations, I believe the change to the intervention time is working much better. Thank you for your flexibility in making this change.

Next month (February), we will begin our 2nd grade reading initiative. This will take place at Southern Pines Primary from 8:15-9:15. If you have some friends who are intrigued with your tutoring work – or perhaps some you think might be interested – please spread the word that we are accepting volunteers for the new initiative. There will be a training on January 22nd so please have them contact us prior to that date.

For those of you who have not been regular tutors – only substitutes as needed – please let me know if you would like to be a tutor at the primary rather than just a substitute. We have some very capable tutors who have had only minimal opportunities at the 3rd grade, and I would love to see you tutor once a week with the 2nd graders.

Thanks, again, for your hard work, and thanks also for spreading the word regarding volunteers for the primary campus.

Deb Sikes

Project Specialist

Moore County Literacy Council

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