

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.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 5:30 pm Covered Dish

**Program: Moore County Schools Finances -
Mike Griffin, Budget Director**

**Location: Moore County Schools Central Office
Hwy 15/501 South
Carthage, NC 28327**

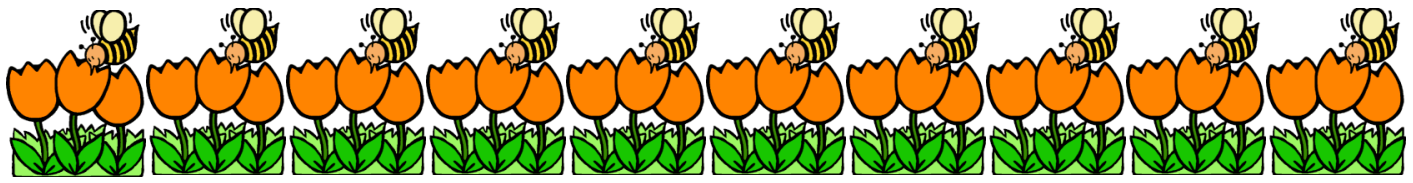
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Please submit all items for the newsletter 4 weeks prior to the next meeting date.

**International Website: www.dkg.org
Eta State Website: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC
Gamma Sigma Website: www.dkkgammasigma.weebly.com
Gamma Sigma Email: mailto:dkggammasigma@gmail.com**



President's Message

Nancy Simonette

At the April 19th meeting, we will celebrate the induction of a new slate of officers. It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years. I appreciate all the help and support afforded me during this time, and I know that you will extend the same wonderful support to the new officers.

I especially want to acknowledge the committees, hostesses, and board members that have been so willing to give of their time and talent these past two years. I thank all of you for your attendance at the meetings, and contributing to the success of Gamma Sigma.

If you have been a committee chairman/member, please bring any information or folders to the April meeting for our new president, Betty Brown. Any suggestions that you may add to the folders will be appreciated by the new board in planning for the next biennium.

A special thank-you to Betty for planning to attend the Eta State Convention on April 22-24 this year. I will be attending another conference at the Greenbrier in West Virginia that same weekend, and I appreciate Betty's willingness to represent our chapter at that meeting.

As spring is a time for renewal and rebirth, I know that you will renew your commitment to Gamma Sigma and be an important part of the continuing success of our chapter.

Thank you for the experience of these past two years.

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- April 1** - Early bird deadline for convention registration.
- April 8** - Deadline to register for Pre-Convention Event
Tour of Reynolda House.
- April 11** - Deadline for dissertation recognition at DKG
Convention. **See DKG website.**
- April 15** - Convention registration deadline for meal
Request.
- April 19** – **Next Meeting at the Moore County Central
Office, Carthage – 5:30 pm – Covered Dish**
- April 22 - 24** - Eta State Convention, Twin City Quarter,
Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX).
- May 1** - Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional
Development Applications due.
- May 11** - Founders Day.
- July 5 – 9** - DKG International Convention, Gaylord
Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN.





Treasurer's Report Annette Blue

As reported February 16, 2016:

Balance December 5, 2015			\$1,718.32
Receivables:			
	World Fellowship	\$19.00	
	Dues	\$82.00	
	Literacy	\$ 9.00	
	Meals	\$20.00	
	Grant donation	\$20.00	
	Bazaar	<u>\$989.63</u>	
	Total	\$1,139.63	\$1,139.63
			\$2,857.95
Disbursements:			
	Dues	\$56.00	
	Meals	<u>\$461.94</u>	
	Total	\$517.94	\$517.94
Balance February 16, 2016 (Includes scholarship of \$561.89)			\$2,340.01

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DKG International Convention This Summer in Nashville

Join Eta State members and others from around the world at the international convention July 5-9, 2016 in Nashville. Registration is open and hotel rooms are filling up at the beautiful Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

In addition to convention sessions and workshops, convention tours will add to the week. Click on the Events tab on the DKG homepage to learn more.

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State Executive Secretary, asks you to let her know if you plan to attend. She will have a sign-up sheet available at the Eta State Convention or you can email her at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com



Celebrate our Founders? Yes! From (www.dkg.org)



May 11 is the 87th anniversary of the founding of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. We all know that, right? How do we know that? The 1929 date is printed in our chapter yearbooks on the front page! Oh, yeah, and there are all those “tributes” that we have every year: skits, songs, slide presentations, etc. Uh-huh.

Yes, we know that Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was the driving force in bringing together 12 remarkable women, remarkable for the progress they achieved in the totally male-dominated hierarchy that was early 20th-century educational structure.

Yes, we know that Lalla Odom refused to take teacher substitute pay just because she had married. Yes, we know that Dr. Blanton and Lela Lee Williams were the first and second women to be elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association and that Williams was the first classroom teacher to do so.

Yes, we know—yada, yada, yada.

But do we have to hear stories of the Founders every year? What’s the point?

Yes, but...

Yes, we need to be reminded that, 100 years ago, women were taking stands against discriminatory practices in education. They were proving their leadership skills in a male-dominated profession where women could work, but only if they fit into a strict, stereotypical image of what a woman could, and could not, do – but...

In 2016 we should be reinforcing the connection between then and now – that, in today’s educational world where political, parental and media comments, opinions and actions often seem to dominate professional expertise, we can make a positive difference, as did the Founders. Dr. June Atkinson, elected state superintendent of North Carolina Schools, is an example of a DKG member who has done just that, by speaking up and speaking out in a professional way to represent public education, students and teachers against political opposition. Those who elected her have rewarded her with re-election.

Yes, we need to be reminded that there is power within us to be heard, to force progress, to NOT “go quietly into the night” by changing professions, taking early retirement, or surviving on stress medication.

Yes, celebrate our Society Founders; celebrate our state organization founders; celebrate our chapter charter members. Celebrate those who paved the way for us, and celebrate those of us who are speaking up, stepping up and standing out to pave the way for educators and educational excellence, now and in the future. That’s a “tribute” we can all enjoy.



Convention Details:

Convention Website at <http://dkgnc2016convention.weebly.com/>

Important Convention Reminders and Deadlines

- Convention registration forms go to Chris Waters, 420 Marshall View Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Early bird deadline is April 1. Deadline for meal count is April 15. The form is at the above address under the Registration tab.
- Everyone is invited to the Presidents Reception on Saturday evening before the banquet. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and punch or the cash bar while socializing and making new friends. Indicate your attendance on the registration form.
- April 8 is the deadline to register for Pre-Convention tour of Reynolda House. Lunch together at Village Tavern afterwards is optional. Your \$13 admission ticket allows you to go back in the afternoon to tour the gardens or you may want to shop in Reynolda Village. (Be sure to get back in time for Executive Board meeting at 4:00!)
- Attendees are advised to print the 2016 proposed changes to Eta State Standing Rules to take to the convention with them. They are located on the website under the More tab and then under Bring to convention.
- Kristine "Kiki" Neale, Music Rep, has some wonderful music waiting to be sung at this year's convention! If you'd like a "sneak peek" at the written scores or audio recordings of your voice part, email her at lesneales@yahoo.com. She adds, "The selections are learnable in our allotted rehearsal times, so never fear! See you soon!"
- The Awards Committee thanks you for meeting the deadline of March 1 for submitting the Golden Key and Rising Star nominations. Remember the Chapter Achievement Awards forms are due March 15. They are looking forward to seeing you at the convention, says Edris Glover, chair.

Convention Project Promotes Student Literacy

Buy books for school-age children, and your donations of books, bookmarks and Barnes & Noble gift cards will go to their Little Free Libraries project or their Book Fair Project, both of which support literacy and provide books. Checks should be made out to Dreams and Kitestrings, an all-volunteer 501(c) (3) tax exempt charity.

Read more about Dreams and Kitestrings at <http://www.dreamsandkitestrings.org/>.

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

February 16, 2016

The Gamma Sigma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of international women educators met at 5:30 pm in the Moore County Schools Educational Center located on Pinckney Road in Carthage, North Carolina.

President Nancy Simonette called the meeting to order and the Invocation was given by Anita Alpenfels.

President Simonette introduced her guest, Brenda McWhorter, the past president of Gamma Mu Chapter in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The special guest speaker for the occasion was, Shaun Krencicki, Principal at Community Learning Center at Pinckney, the alternative school. He reported on the enrollment at his school and the staff who work to continue the student's education. Every effort is made to return students back to their regular school as soon as possible. The students stay only until their behavioral problem is solved or stabilized. He discussed the need for a social worker, while his regular social worker was out on maternity leave.

After his presentation all were invited to partake of the covered dish supper provided by the members.

The December minutes (in the February newsletter) were approved. Annette Blue presented the Treasurer's report (in this newsletter) with a balance of \$2, 340.01 as of February 16, 2016. Kate Faw gave the Vice-President's report.

Committee Reports:

Personal Service: Jane McPhaul is home from the hospital and cannot have visitors. Cards would be appreciated.

Holiday Bazaar: Pam Zell thanked everyone for their support. The Bazaar brought in \$989.63!

World Fellowship: The basket was passed by Dot McDonald.

Educational Initiative: Peggy Olney reported on her successful book giveaways at Robbins.

New Business:

The slate of officers were presented and approved unanimously. They are as follows: Betty Brown, President, Kate Faw and Pat Cox, First Vice-Presidents; Virginia Fayad, Second Vice-President; Anita Alpenfels, Recording Secretary; Robyn Lam Corresponding Secretary; Annette Blue, Treasurer; and Lorna Clack, Parliamentarian.

Betty Brown will be attending the State Convention representing our Chapter.

Information was given out on Habitat for Humanity's Teacher Build.

A program plan sheet was passed out to help the new Vice-Presidents with planning for the next two years.

Thank you to the hostesses: Candace Turk, Juanita Harbour and Linda Donnell

Adjournment at 7:15 pm.

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