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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

December 2, 2017 9:00 am Catered Brunch

**Program: Christmas Bazaar
Joint meeting with Delta Rho Chapter**

**Location: Pinehurst CC Members Club
80 Carolina Vista Drive**

Hostesses: **RSVP by Tuesday, Nov.28 to
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Please remember to bring an item to be auctioned!



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

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Schedule for Holiday Bazaar

8 – 9 am	Arrival/Set-up of displays
9 – 10 am	Silent Auction
10:00 – 10:30 am	Raffle winners/Auction
10:30 – 11:00 am	Meetings of both Chapters
11:00 – 11:30 am	Pinecrest Orchestra performance
11:30 am	Luncheon

President's Message

Welcome to the holiday season! Gamma Sigma is also moving into the busy season...

December 2 will be our annual bazaar with Delta Rho. We'll begin at 9 AM. Please bring your wonderful gifts and surprises to auction off! REMEMBER, this is our major fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Feel free to bring a friend to share the enjoyment. We'll be at the Pinehurst Members Club. I've ordered quiche and salad for our brunch. We'll have coffee in the morning.

We need nominees for officers for the next biennium. Please contact Kate Faw, thefawfamily@gmail.com Patricia Cox, pcox@ncmcs.org, or me at ncbelle.spnc@gmail.com with your suggestions—or if you want to volunteer! We will be calling you in January to ask you to serve. We need nominees for president, vice-president for programs, vice-president for membership, and corresponding secretary. Please be willing to serve.

April 27 – 29 is Eta State's annual convention in Charlotte. Region VI is in charge of the convention. We are one of 9 other chapters participating. We will have some expenses for the hospitality suite. The Region is looking for us to contribute a raffle item for the convention, help with registration, and help with set ups for dinner (Saturday night) and the brunch on Sunday. Registration is \$35 for the convention. Please let me know if you can help.

I look forward to seeing you all December 2!

Betty Wells Brown

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Mark these Dates:

Dec. 2—Christmas Bazaar with Delta Rho
Dec. 15-- Deadline for submissions to Collegial Exchange
Jan. 3 -- International Educational Foundation Project application due
Jan. 10 Eta State News deadline; International Regional Conference breakout session proposals due
Feb. 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards
Feb. 10 next mtg. "What's New with Math?" location
TBD
April 27-29—Eta State NC Convention, University Hilton, Charlotte
July 16-20—DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, Texas



Treasurer's Report

Annette Blue

I hope everyone will be able to attend our December meeting and bazaar. The money we raise will fund our annual grant (scholarship) to a Moore County high school senior. Thank you for your participation in this effort.

We currently have 34 active members, 5 reserve members, and 1 honorary member for a total membership of 40. The following ladies either resigned or did not pay dues:

Ketra Duchesne
Deborah Favinger
Sandra Florell
Sarah Hawes
Dot McDonald
Donna Tew
Tonya Wagner

I hope to see each of you on December 2nd.

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The Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in the Board of Education meeting room at Moore County Schools' Central Office. Approximately 25 members and one guest presenter were in attendance.

After an invocation by Anita Alpenfels, President Betty Wells-Brown welcomed everyone, particularly Juanita Harbour who returns after a serious accident. The President then introduced Moore County Schools' Superintendent Bob Grimesey who provided the program. Dr. Grimesey updated the group on the Board of Education's successful work with the County Commissioners to fully fund the schools. He updated attendees on Moore County Schools' student assessment improvement for the 2016-17 school year, responding to member questions about student testing. He also reminded attendees that the new class size requirements instituted by the General Assembly remain a significant topic that will merit critical dialogue in coming months.

After enjoying finger foods provided by attendees whose last names begin with A through M, the chapter's business meeting began. The April 11, 2017, minutes were approved as were the treasurer's report (Attachment 1), provided by Annette Blue, and the budget for the year (Attachment 2), presented by Wanda Sweeney. Some of the budget items will require revisions to the chapter's by-laws which will be presented at a later time.

The books in laundromats project continues, with Juanita Harbor assisting in the coordination of book placement in the Carthage and Robbins locations. President Betty reminded members of the annual convention to be held April 27-29, 2018, in Charlotte. Because Region IV is in charge of the convention, members were apprised that assistance will be needed. The chapter will continue discussion of how it will contribute to the many jobs (Attachment 3) that need to be executed to ensure a successful convention.

At the suggestion of Annette Blue, after passing the brag basket for literacy, the "basket" was passed to simply collect donations for the chapter's literacy efforts. The "basket" also was passed for World Fellowship.

Linda Bryant introduced new member Priscilla McLeod who was installed at the end of the meeting. Ms. McLeod, a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is a 29-year veteran educator who served students in Durham Public Schools, the Columbus School for Girls in Ohio and Durham Academy. She may be best known for her interest in sea turtles and her curriculum work and conservation efforts around sea turtles.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita W. Alpenfels
Recording Secretary

Eta State NC Wellness Initiative



Eta State NC EEC 2017-2018 Project Educational Excellence Committee
Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, Eta State 1st VP & EEC Chair

Did you know that 1 in 9 people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water?

With this knowledge as a driving force the Eta State NC Wellness Initiative was launched Fall 2017 at the

September Elon meeting. The Eta State NC EEC, in support of the Wellness Initiative, presented a state project entitled Wonders of Water.

Chapters and sisters alike are encouraged to follow these steps to get involved:

- Think globally and act locally in your pursuit of wellness for self and others!
 - Visit <http://lifestraw.com/>
- Follow the Liters to 1 million! - Watch <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> video to learn how individuals, chapters and communities can get involved.
 - Donate to the LifeStraw Safe Water Fund (<http://lifestraw.com/engage/>)
 - Purchase gifts for self or others (<https://lifestraw.eartheasy.com/>)
 - Start a chapter project to promote awareness locally and globally (<http://lifestraw.com/corporatepartnerships/>)
 - Save energy and Water in your own home or business in your pursuit of wellness!
- Did you know that your electric water heater is the second-largest energy expense in your home? Therefore, saving Water means saving energy and \$\$\$\$.
 - Visit <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products/save-water>
 - See if you qualify for a Free “Save Energy and Water Kit”
 - Install the Free items and start saving Water , Energy and \$\$\$

EEC encourages chapters and sisters to explore ways to take part in the pursuit of wellness for self and others,

especially as chapter meetings begin and plans are being made for the upcoming year.

As projects develop and actions are taken, share wellness steps with others. Share with the EEC Chair (Dr.

Teresa H. Cowan, drthcowan@gmail.com), propose a breakout session for convention, or write a piece for The

Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Eta State NC members want and need to see sisters venturing into areas of leadership, growing personally and professionally, and being global through local actions (EEC goals for 2017-

2018 Convention Updates April 27-29, Charlotte

Theme: Let's Sparkle!

The Hilton Charlotte University Place is taking reservations for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until April 12 or until the block is filled. Registration may be made online at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-DKG-20180426/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

Homework Assignment from the ELP Committee

Susan Phipps, Chair, Educational Law & Policy Committee wrote to all chapter presidents and urged them to set up the groundwork for instant action by members when the NC Legislature goes back into session next May and important education-related issues are being considered during the "short session" of the General Assembly. To prepare, all members are encouraged to make use of the time lawmakers are back home in their districts between now and May to build relationships with them. Chapter members should try to meet with Senators and Representatives to discuss school issues such as testing, class size, vouchers, educator salaries and benefits, per pupil funding, teacher shortages, equal accountability for any and all schools that receive taxpayer dollars, etc.

These issues should be important to all of us. Of particular importance to those of us here in NC is the unfunded class-size reduction mandate that the legislature has passed. More classes will need to be formed next fall, and without funding, "specials" teachers will need to be cut, and there will not be spaces for classes to be held. It is incumbent upon each of us to contact our legislators and lobby for this unfunded mandate to be rescinded.





Have you started making plans to travel to Austin, Texas, for the 2018 DKG International Convention?

Speakers will include conductor and musical director Benjamin Zander and principal, educational

leader, and author Nadia Lopez. These speakers along with others, will inspire and motivate us as we

explore the future of DKG.

Members can visit Society Headquarters, tour the city, attend the DKG Educational Foundation special

event (see below), and much more. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote to approve proposed

election amendments to the governing documents and consider proposals for amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules.

**Join your DKG sisters from around the world July
16-20 in Austin!**

