# Gamma Sigma Signal

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL ETA STATE REGION VI MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA SIGMA CHAPTER

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



#### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

December 8, 2018 9:00 am Catered Brunch

**Program: Christmas Bazaar** 

Joint meeting with Delta Rho Chapter

**Location: Pinehurst CC Members Club** 

**80** Carolina Vista Drive

**Hostesses:** 

Mabel Rivera **Linda Bryant** Sara Webster

RSVP by Tuesday, Dec.4 to

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Please remember to bring an item to be

auctioned!

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## **President's Message**

Dear Gamma Sisters,

This fall is moving too fast for me! Too much to do and not enough time! Our schools are recuperating from the time out for the hurricanes and are getting ready with concerts and events over the different holidays. As the temperature drops, I'm not sure I am ready for the cold winter season...what I am ready for is our wonderful holiday bazaar! Remember, this is our one fundraiser for scholarship!

Join us at the Pinehurst Members Club on Saturday, December 8th, at 9 AM. Be sure to bring items to sell at the bazaar and be prepared to have a wonderful time with our sisters from Delta Rho in Sanford! Also, keep Saturday, February 9th on your calendar for our next Gamma Sigma meeting at 9 AM.

I saw several of you at different polling places during the election season. It was great seeing so many out working and supporting our community! It was a successful campaign for our Gamma Sigma sister, Libby Carter. I look forward to sharing "school news" and upcoming events on the school calendars. It looks to be a busy year ahead.

Also, as we prepare for our holiday season, please remember those who were devastated by Hurricane Florence and Michael and the flooding in our region. Some people are still displaced and some businesses in our region are still unable to reopen.

I look forward to seeing you all in December and hope that you have a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Betty Wells Brown

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#### **Mark these Dates:**

Dec. 8—Christmas Bazaar with Delta Rho

Dec. 15-- Deadline for submissions to Collegial Exchange

2019

Jan. 3 -- International Educational Foundation Project application due

Jan. 10 Eta State News deadline

Feb. 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards

Feb. 9-- next mtg. Dr. Terry Phoenix,dir LGBTQ Center, UNC-CH, Southern Middle School, 9 AM Apr.9—How are our schools preparing students to be Career Ready?, Pinecrest CTE rm., 5:30 PM

May 3-5—Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel, Hickory, NC June 27-29—International Convention for the Arts & Humanities, Asheville July 7-11, 2020—International Conv., Philadelphia



## **Treasurer's Report**

**Becky Oldham** 

**Treasurer's Report** 

11/15/18

Gamma Sigma Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance- June 30, 2018 \$1,251.97

Receivables: Literacy Donation 38.00

Dues 2494.00

World Fellowship <u>4.00</u> **Total** \$ **2,536.00** 

\$3,787.97

Disbursements:

Name Badge Pins 23.99
Refreshments 43.69
Dues 1770.50

Total \$1,838.18

Balance November 15, 2018

\$1949.79



The Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the administrative offices for Moore County Schools on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Twelve members and two guests were in attendance. After President Betty Wells Brown convened the group to enjoy the hors d'oeuvres provided, she invited attendees to offer their reflections and remembrances of September 11, 2001, when tragedy struck the United States.

Lucinda Dedmond, Moore County Schools' Assistant Director for Student Support Services, presented the program which centered on student health, safety, and welfare. She described proactive and reactive measures the district is implementing, including increased personnel in the areas of school police and mental health support. She also described the professional development being provided to better equip adults to address students' emotional needs. After approval of the minutes from the April 10, 2018, meeting, Treasurer Becky Oldham reminded members that dues are payable by the end of October. She also provided the chapter's annual treasurer's report. There was an additional deposit of \$56.00 not reflected on the report, bringing the total assets of the chapter to \$1,307.97.

Wanda Sweeney presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019 (Addendum 1). Since the printing of the proposed budget, there was an additional member who resigned, bringing the total number of active members to 32 instead of 33. Corresponding Secretary Robyn Lam reminded members to provide input for the chapter's newsletter. First Vice-President Patricia Cox launched a conversation with the group about potential projects for engaging chapter members including the following:

- encouraging members to serve as a Literacy Council tutor to assist struggling third grade readers,
- finding ways to tangibly support the chapter's own teacher members,
- lending support for beginning teachers in the school district,
- using the first meeting in the biennium as an organizational meeting, and
- using chapter meetings for project-based fellowship.

President Wells Brown then conducted the installation of the following officers for the 2018-2000 biennium.

President ...... Betty Wells Brown, Ph.D.

Co Vice-Presidents for Programs ...... Patricia Cox Player McPhaul

Vice-President for Membership ...... Christina Speiser

Corresponding Secretary ......Robyn Lam

Recording Secretary ...... Anita Alpenfels, Ed.D.

Treasurer ...... Becky Oldham

Web Site Manager ......... Kate Faw (who could not attend)

Members passed the brag basket to support literacy and the opportunity to donate to World Fellowship was extended.

Dr. Wells Brown noted that the Eta State Convention will take place May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory. The Eta State fall meeting was originally scheduled for September 15, 2018, but will be rescheduled due to Hurricane Florence. Dr. Wells Brown asked for a volunteer to attend. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Alpenfels

**Recording Secretary** 

Minutes Special Meeting Oct. 16, 2018

We discussed the upcoming election, volunteering in classrooms, and volunteering to work with the leadership council.

Then we inducted new members and had cake:

Honorary member: Dr. Christine Ganis

Members: Dr. Kimberly Coleman, Mrs. Loveisa Clark, Mrs. Stacey Caldwell

The Christmas Bazaar is on December 8, 2018 at the Pinehurst Members Club. Committee members should be there at 8 to set up. Everyone else should arrive at 9. As usual, a quiche/salad lunch will be provided with dessert. I will be sending out the invite and information later today to members. If you did not receive an email with which to RSVP, please email Christina at christinaspeiser@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Speiser

## Proposed Budget Gamma Sigma Chapter The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2018 – 2019

Balance June 30, 2017			\$1251.97
Estimated Income:	Bazaar Dues (33 X 80 active; 5 X 25 reserve) Literacy Headquarters Fund (38 X 2) World Fellowship Subtotal Income	2000 2765 500 76 50 <b>5391</b>	<u>5391.00</u>
	Total Income		6642.97
Estimated Expenses:	Corresponding Secretary Delta Rho (1/2 of bazaar) Dues (33 X 56 + 5 X 23) Grants Scholarship Headquarters Fund (38 X 2) Literacy (books) Meals (Dec. & Feb.) Membership Personal Service (donation to Literacy) President's Cost Eta State Convention Printing and Postage Speakers' Honorarium (4 meetings X 75) World Fellowship Subtotal Expenses	50 1000 1963 1000 76 500 800 50 100 500 50 400 50 <b>6539</b>	6539.00
Estimated Year End Balance			103.97
Proposed Carry Over			103.97

## Empower, Engage, and Create

Time for Sharing By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." In this time of thanksgiving, this quote by W. Clement Stone makes it pretty basic. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to *Empower*, *Engage and Create* at the local level by being thankful each and every day as you collectively work to share in your communities.

**Empower**: Members spearhead local outreach projects (Angel Tree, Prison Ministry, ShoeBox Collection, etc.)

**Engage**: Members gather for "Appetizers & The Arts" - dinner out as a group after singing/visiting at local nursing homes

**Create**: Members develop relationships with local agencies (nursing homes, childcare centers, hospitals, etc.)

Remember to check out <a href="https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html">https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html</a> for more ideas.

## Here's one way in which we can Empower and Create!



The Moore County Literacy Council is looking for tutors for second graders.

Please consider donating your time for this worthy cause.

Contact Stuart Mills at the Literacy Council: 910-692-5954

Let's make our presence in the community more visible

## Hotel Registration Open for May 2019 Eta State NC Convention

Plans are progressing for the Eta State NC Convention to be held in Hickory May 3-5, 2019. Hotel registration is now open, and the workshop session proposal form and the convention ad form are available online.

Hotel reservations for the convention may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel, 1385 Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd., SE, at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. There are a few suites for \$129 plus tax to members who identify themselves as part of Delta Kappa Gamma. Workshop presenters are needed for Saturday afternoon sessions at the convention in the strands of DKG Society, Professional Growth, or Personal Growth. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the new convention webpage. The convention ad form is also online. Each chapter is encouraged to place an ad honoring members, activities, projects, or achievements.

#### **International Conferences**

In 2019, regional conferences, such as the Southeast Regional Conference, will now be called International Conferences and have a theme. In June, Eta State NC will host the International Conference for Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC, June 27-29, 2019. There will be further information at a later date.

### DKG News—now online

The DKG Constitution Article XII. B.1. states: The Society shall publish a news periodical, DKG NEWS, six (6) times a year. Print versions will be mailed to members. Members who drafted the revised 2010 Constitution carefully chose specific words to provide a future option for electronic delivery of DKG NEWS. While the definition of "publish" may vary by context, in general, publish means "to make information known to the general public." Published information may be conveyed orally, electronically, or in print. The second sentence—Print versions will be mailed to members— remains valid. Members who prefer a print copy may request it from Headquarters. The requested copy will be printed on an office printer and mailed to the member. DKG NEWS will not be printed on high-quality paper at a printing company. Members with the DKG app will receive a "push" notice when a new edition of the DKG NEWS is available.

## Here's our new App!!



We are happy to share a new endeavor coming out of headquarters! A small team of staff members has redesigned the DKG app and just launched it for all members. This app is with a new company, Gather Digital, and will completely replace the old one.

It will have two parts to it to serve different purposes:

**Part 1: 365**- This part will give members basic information, news, updates, etc. that they would normally go to the website to find, but in a format more accessible than the website on their portable devices. It will be relevant and up to date year round, and only available to members.

**Part 2: Conventions**- This part will serve as a reference tool to members for DKG conventions and, ultimately, for conferences. It will include maps, schedules, speakers, discussion boards, etc. to help members feel more connected and informed on events, whether they are in attendance or not.

If you need help downloading and logging in, directions may be found in the DKG News, Resources!

SEE YOU AT THE BAZAAR ON DEC.8!!

BRING \$ AND A GREAT ITEM FOR THE AUCTION—

Remember, that's how we fund our scholarships!

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 8—9 AM Pinehurst Members Club; Bazaar with Delta Rho Hostesses: Mabel Rivera, Linda Bryant, Sara Webster
- February 9—9 AM Southern Middle School, Dr. Terry Phoenix, UNC-CH, Dir. of LGBTQ Center
  Hostesses: Judy Loving, Wanda Sweeney
- April 9—5:30 PM, Pinecrest CTE Room, "How are our schools preparing our students to be Career Ready?"

  Hostesses: Elaine Sills, Deborah Wilson

#### 2019-2020

- September 10—5:30 PM School Board Conference Room, "What's Happening in Literacy?" Hostesses: Nancy Simonette, Annette Blue
- October 15—5:30 PM School Board Conference Room, New Member Installation Hostesses: Christina Speiser, Libby Carter
- December 7 or 14—location tbd, annual Bazaar with Delta Rho Hostesses: Delta Rho
- February 8—9 AM Carolina Golf Museum, Ridge Rd., Southern Pines Hostesses: Lisa Alexander, Lydia Conard
- April 14—5:30 PM School Board Conference Room, "What is the Educational Foundation?" Hostesses: Kitty Appanaitis, Nancy Collins

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