

Gamma Sigma Signal

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Holiday Bazaar – 9:00 to 11:00 am

December 6, 2014

Lunch – 11:30 am

Pinehurst Quiche
Fresh Fruit
Milk Chocolate Bread Pudding

Pinehurst Members Club
1 Carolina Vista Drive, Pinehurst

Gamma Sigma is responsible for your meal so please make reservations to either:

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

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR TIME

The Pinehurst Member's Club will again be the setting for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 6th. The tables will be set up by 8:15 AM. Please arrive before 9:00 AM to arrange your bazaar items on the tables. It is suggested that we use mailing labels for our raffle tickets, expediting that process as well. Coffee, tea and juice will be available while the tables are being set up.

The auction will begin at 9:00 AM, and the meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM. For the past couple of years, we were able to begin the meeting a little early because everyone had finished looking over the bazaar items.

Please respond to the hostesses no later than December 3rd! Luncheon is paid for through your dues, but if you bring a guest, the cost will be \$20.00.

Seeing the beautifully decorated Members Club and hearing the Union Pines Choir is a great way to get into the spirit of the Season. This is our only fundraiser, and your participation and attendance is greatly appreciated.

Valet parking will be available at the club for your convenience.

President's Message

Nancy Simonette

What a wonderful way to start the holiday season! The annual bazaar treats us to the friendship of our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters, the inspiring music of the Union Pines Choir, a delicious luncheon at the beautifully decorated Pinehurst Member's Club, a great selection of crafts and gifts to start our holiday shopping - - all while raising money for the scholarship fund. I can't think of a better venue for our only fund-raising event. We welcome new members to our Chapter and this is a meeting that reflects the giving spirit of our members. This is also a great opportunity to invite friends and especially prospective members to join the festivities. Please consider bringing a guest to this special time with our Delta Rho sisters.

I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, and lots of those good Southern recipes!

Nancy Simonette, President

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Treasurer's Message

Annette Blue

Many thanks to those of you who sent your dues to me on time this year. You make my job much easier when you do so! My membership report is complete and here are the results. Seven members resigned or chose to not pay dues this year. At this point we have forty two active members and ten reserve members for a total of 52.

If you are one of the six members who have not sent your dues to me yet please, please do so ASAP. The current balance in our checking account is \$345.04. That will not be enough money to pay for our meals for the December meeting. I need your dues to be able to cover that cost.

Annette Blue, Treasurer

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September

Meeting Highlights



Speaker Lynn Harloe Ragsdale sharing the past Legislative year. State President Pat Taylor greeting the members. New Honorary Member Evelyn (Ebbie) Monroe being sworn in by Chapter Officers, Nancy and Virginia. The pinning of the new Chapter President's pin by past president Sara Webster to Nancy Simonette.





October 27 - Official 80th Birthday of Eta State

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

February 1, 2015 – Scholarship Applications due

February 10, 2015 – Next Meeting at MCS - Central Office-meet Dr. Grimesey

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

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

July 15-18, 2015 – Southeast Regional Conference – Westin Savannah Resort and Spa, Savannah, GA



President Pat’s Message – from October, 2014 - Eta Data



Enjoy the VIEW

“For the past two weeks, I have been traveling throughout the western part of the state; visiting chapters and viewing the trees along the way as they begin to turn colors for the Fall. Each tree is unique and though I am unable to see each leaf, I know they are all different. They work together for a magnificent outcome! Each member in each chapter in Eta State is much like the leaves on the trees. Each is unique and adds an important part to the final outcome of a chapter and state’s vision. Watching visions come to life is much like watching the trees turn colors each Fall. Each member contributes to the spectacular

view!” Read the entire message at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

Pursue your future through scholarships – from Presidents’ Page DKG Nov./Dec.2014

As many as 30 international scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees. Scholarships for those seeking a master’s degree are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. At the 2014 International Convention, the members voted to change ISR 13.62a to the following:

- a. be an active member of the Society for a minimum of three (3) years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active members of the Society at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies.**

Additional requirements are listed on the application, available on the Society website. All applications and supporting documents must be postmarked or emailed by February 1, 2015.

Shop while benefiting the work of the Society - *from Presidents' Page DKG Nov./Dec.2014*



In order to save time and crowds, many of us shop online. Did you know that when you choose to shop online, you could be donating to the work of the Society without it costing you extra? As you start your holiday shopping keep in mind two shopping venues that will benefit the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. One is *amazonsmile*. Amazonsmile lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping as amazon.com . The difference is that when you shop on amazonsmile (smile.amazon.com), 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to the DKG Supporting Corporation. This is a way to support the following:

Scholarship Fund
World Fellowship Fund
Emergency Fund
Golden Gift Fund
Educator Award Fund
International Speakers Fund
Eunah Temple Holden Fund
Loretta Halek Memorial Fund

Go to dkg.org and click on the **Shop AmazonSmile** link on the homepage in the announcement box. If you do not have an Amazon account, open one on amazonsmile and select DKG Supporting Corporation as your charity. Another new shopping venue is **goodsearch.com** .This website serves as a portal to many of your favorite shopping places. A percentage of your sale is donated back to the Society. The link is on the front page of the Society website in the announcement section of the homepage of the website. Shop now, save time, receive discounts, and benefit the wonderful work of the Society!



Alpha Nu Responds to The 100 Challenge

By: Maxine McCall, Member,

NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors – from October, 2014 Eta Data

At its first meeting of the new biennium, Alpha Nu Chapter raised the bar on pledges for The 100 Challenge for the NC DKG Educational Foundation! At their September meeting, members present collected 27 pledges totaling \$450! Alpha Nu will continue to collect pledges for the challenge, but members are excited to know that their first round pledges alone represent more than one-fourth of the quota for Region X! If all chapters follow suit, “Launching a Dream” through The 100 Challenge will far exceed expectations when all pledges are in on March 15, 2015. *Remember:* The donations represented by challenge pledges, to be collected **after** the IRS grants 501(c)(3) status to the Foundation, will be Regional Directors.

**LEROY (Leadership Experiences
Relevant to Others and Yourself)**



"Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance."

J. Donald Walters

Leroy the Leadership Guy

Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes

September 20, 2014

Belle Meade

The fall meeting of Gamma Sigma was September 20, 2014, at Belle Meade near Southern Pines, N.C. with President Nancy Simonette presiding. She welcomed all members and guests and announced that chapter committee chairpersons have their folders and in December each committee will meet to discuss plans. Oral reports from committees and the treasurer, Mrs. Annette Blue were given during the business portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Evelyn (Ebbie) Monroe, a long-time state leader in education, was welcomed and sworn in as an honorary member of Gamma Sigma. As a State Board of Education member, Mrs. Monroe was a key advocate of early intervention education, superior reading programs and of the importance of volunteers, improved teacher pay, more teacher assistants, and a zealous commitment to adequate funding of public education. She continues to speak out to legislators and decision makers about the necessity of quality education for all students in our public schools. We welcome Ebbie into our membership. Additionally, we were honored to have Delta Kappa Gamma State President, Pat Taylor as our special guest for the meeting. Her remarks were positive and encouraging as we begin a new two-year sequence of plans to build and sustain professional women educators and to support classroom teachers.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Lynn Ragsdale is an adjunct professor at three colleges and a North Carolina legislative educational lobbyist in Raleigh. She loves politics and shared insights into this past legislative year with the Republicans in control in the Senate, House and in the Governorship. Mrs. Ragsdale urged us to be in contact with Senator Jerry Tillman (District 29) and House members Rep. James Boles (District 52) and Rep. Allen McNeill (District 78) with our comments and questions regarding teacher salaries, textbook funding, classroom supplies and other educational concerns in the state budget.

The Delta Kappa Gamma North Carolina State Convention will be held in Chapel Hill from April 24-26, 2015. President Simonette urged all officers and members to plan to attend this valuable meeting.

Peggy Olney gave a post-invocation on diversity and a passion to connect with others in warm, positive ways. She discussed recognizing and accepting likenesses and differences in ourselves and in others as we grow in our perceptions of tolerance and acceptance of all humanity and varying culture patterns.

After President Simonette's adjournment, a delicious lunch was provided by the superb chef and staff at Belle Meade.

Secretary, Lorna C. Clack