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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**December 5, 2015** 9:00 am    Catered Luncheon

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

**Location:** Pinehurst Country Club  
Members Club  
80 Carolina Vista Drive  
Pinehurst, NC

**Hostesses:** Sarah Hawes\*  
RSVP by Tuesday, December 1st  
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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 am – 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	Temple Theater Performance
11:30 am	Luncheon

## President's Message Nancy Simonette

What a great way to start the Christmas Season with our Christmas Bazaar! The Members' Club is always beautifully decorated and gets us all into the Christmas spirit. Please remember valet parking will be available. Bring your donation of craft items, baked goods, and other items between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM so the auction can begin promptly at 9:00 AM. I have included an approximate schedule from Delta Rho for the morning, and these times may be adjusted accordingly.

Delta Rho has promised some fine entertainment again with the Temple Theater “Temple Teens” performing.

Socializing with our sisters, doing a bit of Christmas shopping at the bazaar, enjoying the musical presentation and a delicious luncheon makes this one of our most anticipated meetings of the year.

This bazaar enables us to raise money for our grant recipients. Please make every effort to attend, as this is our only fundraiser and your attendance is needed and appreciated! This is also a great time to invite prospective members and friends to join us.

Please RSVP to our hostesses as soon as possible since it is easy to put things off at this busy holiday season. It will make their jobs so much easier!

Our next RIF Book Distribution will be held the week of November 30 – December 4<sup>th</sup> at Robbins Elementary School Library. The schedule will be the same as last time and Peggy Olney needs volunteers to help. Many thanks go out to those of you who helped last time: Kitty Appanaitis, Carmetta Bell, Annette Blue, Juanita Harbour, Peggy Olney and Wanda Sweeney.

I am wishing all of our members a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, food and fun. We have so much to be thankful for and are so blessed in this country. Please take time to celebrate the good in life.

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**November 20** - NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due

**Nov. 30 – Dec. 3** – RIF book distribution at Robbins Elementary

**January 3** - DKG Educational Foundation project applications due

**February 1** - Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International <https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-international-scholarship-application-form> (Eta State forms are being updated. Watch for more info soon.)

**February 16** – Next Meeting at the Moore County Education Center, Carthage – 5:30 pm – Covered Dish

**April 22 - 24, 2016** — Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

**July 5 - 9, 2016** — DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN



## **Treasurer's Report**

**Annette Blue**

Many thanks to all of you who paid your dues in such a timely fashion this year! It made my job easier and I am very appreciative!

Five of our members have resigned. They are: Peggy Crawford, Fay Hodges, Sara James, Beverly Lashley, and Joan Matula. Five of our members have been dropped from our roster for non-payment of dues. They are: June Albright, Tandra Chamberlain, Lydia Conard, Laura Todd, and Elaine Tucker. We added six new members this year: Elaina Aponte, Carnetta Bell, Patricia Cox, Stefanie Phillips, Mabel Rivera, and Christina Speiser. As a result of all this activity, we now have 48 members in our chapter.

If any of our members who have resigned or been dropped would like to rejoin the process is very simple. Fill out the reinstatement form at <https://www.dkg.org/content/reinstated-member-form-83-word-interactive> then send that form and a check for dues to me. If you have any questions you may contact me.

**If members plan to write a check at the bazaar this year they will need to make it out to Delta Rho since they are in charge of the bazaar.**

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## Our New Members



Patricia Cox, Stefanie Phillips, Christina Speiser, Elaina Aponte, Mabel Rivera, and Carmetta Bell  
Picture by Kate Faw

### **Smile when you purchase!** DKG NEWS NOV/DEC 2015

Do you make purchases from Amazon? Do you want a portion of what you spend to come to the Society? It's easy to do at no cost to you!

All members (and your friends!) who purchase from Amazon can earn money for the DKG Supporting Corporation that manages eight of the Society's funds. When you sign in to Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), click on the DKG Supporting Corporation as the charity of your choice. A percentage of all sales will then be sent to the supporting corporation.

Once you have identified the Supporting Corporation as the charity of your choice, bookmark the site and each time you buy something from Amazon Smile you are helping earn money for DKG. The Amazon Smile website is identical to the Amazon website (except DKG gets a portion of your purchase).

Your DKG Supporting Corporation is the 501 (c)

(3) umbrella that manages the investments of the Educators Award, Emergency, Golden Gift, Loretta Halek, Eunah Temple Holden, Scholarship, World Fellowship, and International Speakers funds. Donations to any of these funds are tax deductible to members in the U.S. and some other countries.

The Board of the corporation met in August and reviewed the financial status of each fund, and the corporation's Strategic Action Plan. The Society's investment advisors assisted Corporation directors in understanding how funds are being managed consistent with the investment policy. They will continue to send quarterly reports to members of the supporting corporation board and are available at any time for questions

## Educational Initiative (Literacy)

**Here is a thank you note for our first book distribution and some pictures:**

Dear Peggy Olney,

I want to thank you and the RIF ladies for their generosity to our students - so many students told me last week that the books that were given to them were the first books they had ever owned. It was very special to be a part of something like that, so from myself I want to extend my gratitude.

I hope the photos can provide you all with some sense of how much the kids appreciated and loved their books. They were overwhelmed with excitement at the idea that they could select 3 books each!

Your dedication to literacy and learning is evident through your efforts to make this event happen at Robbins Elementary. This is a special school and I want to thank you all for choosing us!

I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to meet you and some of the wonderful woman of RIF.

Thank you for your continued commitment to learning!

Marlana Evans

Librarian

Robbins Elementary School





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## Eta State Convention Theme Announced, Breakout Sessions Presenters Wanted

“Create the Future: Imagine” will be the theme for the 2016 Eta State Convention to be held April 22-24 in Winston-Salem. A video invitation to the convention was presented at the Executive Board meeting in Elon in early September.

Breakout session applications are now being accepted. The four strands for topics will be Technology, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society. A proposal form is posted on the Eta State website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016WorkshopForm.pdf> and should be submitted by January 25, 2016. For more information, contact Connie Phifer Savell at [mcdpm59@gmail.com](mailto:mcdpm59@gmail.com), (704)-477-0450, or 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Hotel registration for the Marriott is also on the website convention page at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>. Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast so register early. It speeds the check-in process if you will put both names on the registration. There is a charge for parking in the city deck.

## Donation Challenge For

Alpha Upsilon Chapter in Asheboro has pledged \$3 per member and challenged other chapters to match it. This minimal donation goes a long way to meet Headquarters' budget and maintain our permanent facility.

Let's step up and support our Eta State Headquarters! Donations of at least \$2 by every chapter member are worth 30 points on the Chapter Achievement Award form! Send donations to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858 and denote Headquarters on the check.

## Headquarters

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## Take the International Survey

International has recently posted this notice about a membership survey on the website: “A sub-committee of the International Administrative Board would like member feedback regarding membership components (classification/types, invitation and initiation) that could impact membership growth in the future. Please respond to the questions based on your own personal experience but with a focus on the future of DKG.”

The link to the survey can be found at

<https://www.dkg.org/content/>

Weigh in on our membership categories (active, reserve, honorary) and make suggestions. Maybe you have other ideas for categories. The survey is only three quick questions!



early days of Eta State, keeping up with reports and materials was a relatively simple task. Maintaining those materials at someone’s home became unwieldy though, and one executive secretary added a room to her home for office and storage space.

Our need for a permanent facility has not diminished over time. Eta State Headquarters, centrally located in Asheboro, houses official documents for our state organization, provides a place for meetings of chapters and committees, and provides limited lodging for members who are attending official business there.

Chapters are asked to support Headquarters with a \$2 contribution per member. The donation helps meet basic expenses of maintaining Headquarters but does not cover all the costs each year.

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes

September 15, 2015

Gamma Sigma Chapter met in the Union Pines High School Library on the afternoon of September 15, 2015. President Nancy Simonette welcomed members and presided over the meeting.

Treasurer Annette Blue gave the treasurer’s report and reminded everyone present (and via email) that our dues must be paid by October.

In chapter business Vice President Kate Faw made a motion to allow members to vote electronically as well as by secret ballot on chapter business as necessary. Co-VP Debbie Favinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

It was noted that member Peggy Olney had secured a \$3800.00 grant from Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to help with the funding of children’s books to be given to every child at Robbins Elementary School. The first give-away through RIF is scheduled for October 5-9 at that school. Members were urged to participate in helping children select their books!

It was announced that the “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?” fund raiser for Moore County Public Education Foundation will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pinecrest Auditorium. This non-profit group greatly supports our public school teachers. Please plan to attend.

Our program of the day was the induction of six new educators into Gamma Sigma Chapter. An impressive

our mission of promoting professionalism and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Those new members are as follows:

1. Patricia Cox- an instructional coach in Moore County Schools
2. Christina Speiser- chair of the Pinecrest English Dept.
3. Mabel Rivera- professor at University of North Carolina - Pembroke
4. Carnetta Bell- retired teacher
5. Elaina Aponte- teacher at West Pines Elementary School
6. Stefanie Phillips- principal of Aberdeen Elementary School

We welcome these outstanding new members to our chapter.

Later a covered dish buffet was enjoyed by everyone.

REMINDER: PLEASE BRING CHILDREN'S BOOKS, crayons, magazines for our Literacy Support Project and give to Lorna Clack.

Our December Meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pinehurst Members' Club with Delta Rho serving as hosts and providing the program. Please bring bazaar and auction items to support our scholarship!

Lorna C. Clack

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