

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

September 11, 2018 5:30 pm Finger foods (A-M)

Program:

“The State of Moore County Schools’ Children”
Dr. Seth Powers, Dir. of Student Support Services

Location:

Board Room, Central Office
Moore County Schools, Carthage

Hostess:

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Please submit all items for the newsletter 3 weeks prior to the next meeting date.

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President's Message

Hello, my Gamma Sigma sisters,

Welcome to the 2018 – 20 Biennium! As we begin, the Executive Board has met and made a change or two. One area that we are moving toward is to reinstate the visit with potential members before our initiation meeting. Christina Speiser, our new VP for membership, has contacted you via email with a September day and time. It's scheduled at 2 PM on Sunday, September 16 at Christina's home. She will be reaching out to members to bring a few snacks.

We will have our first meeting on September 11 at 5:30 in the Board Room of the Moore County Administrative Building. Bring information on new members! Christina will have the forms in September.

I'll be sending out lists of hosts and committee members in the next week. We're still working on the program but hope to have information for you on Moore County School's new Intervention Response Team.

Over the next two years we have added a 5th meeting in October. This is to be specifically for the membership initiation and to have time during the meeting time so that members can meet and greet our new members. This meeting is the third Tuesday in October – so our meetings will be September, October, December (our auction with Delta Rho), February (Saturday morning) and April.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve and assist in the workings for Gamma Sigma! Be ready to invite new members to join us! Reach out to our current members and invite them to come to our meetings!

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Betty Wells Brown, Ph. D.

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Sept. 1– Application deadlines for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards

September 11- meeting; Central Office

September 15- Eta State Presidents Meeting, Elon Community Church

Sept. 30- Deadline for grant applications to the NC DKG Educational Foundation

October 31- membership dues due to Becky Oldham

December 8 – Christmas Bazaar –with Delta Rho

January 3 - DKG Educational Foundation project applications due

February 1 - Scholarship Applications due for DKG International

May 3-5—Eta State Convention, Hickory, NC



Treasurer's Report

As Gamma Sigma begins another year it is my duty to collect the dues that must be sent to state and international and that enable us to accomplish our goals. Let me begin by saying that each of you is a valued and essential member of our chapter. We would not exist without the generous donation of your time and money.

My report and dues are to be sent to the state treasurer postmarked no later than November 10th. If I do not have a member's dues by November 9th they will be dropped from our roster for non-payment of dues. If that happens the reinstatement process is very easy and I will do everything in my power to facilitate the process.

Active dues are \$80 plus \$2 for the State Headquarters Fund. **Reserve dues** are \$25 plus \$2 for the State Headquarters Fund. **New member dues** are \$90 (includes a \$10 initiate fee) plus \$2 for the State Headquarters Fund. **Checks should be made to Gamma Sigma.** If members are mailing their dues my address is: **Becky Oldham 1028 Seven Lakes North, West End NC 27376.**

Please understand that this is your first notice that your dues to Gamma Sigma chapter are due and payable. If I do not receive your dues on or before our September meeting I will contact you once to remind you that I have not received your dues. If you mail your dues to me I will respond by email or phone to let you know that I have received your check. We are all professional women. It is my responsibility to inform members about our dues and deadlines. It is the responsibility of each member to forward their dues to me. Thank you for your help with this process. I look forward to seeing you in September.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Robyn Lam, Corresponding Secretary

July 31, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at 6:30 p.m. on July 31, 2018, at the home of President Betty Brown to plan the group's biennium. In attendance were Betty Brown, Vice-Presidents Trisha Cox and Player McPhaul, Treasurer Becky Oldham, Membership Chair Christina Speiser, and Corresponding Secretary Robyn Lam.

After a review of job roles, the group discussed meeting dates, locations, and possible programs for the 2018-2020 biennium. Planning centered on having evening meetings when the days were longer, so that participants would not have to commute to meetings in the dark.

The group adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Lam

NEW MEMBERS WANTED!!!

Hopefully, you all have given thought to Christina Speiser's email regarding new members. Christina will accept nominations at the meeting on September 11, by mail, or by email. A tea is planned where members can share information with those who are nominated. Let's boost our membership!



Schools Report from Board Member, Libby Carter

It's Kick-off Week for the Moore County Schools, and the upcoming school year is certainly looking like a good one! Whether you're a teacher, a student, or a retired and involved educator, MCS is certainly ready to get the new year underway.

The new Area I school on Camp Easter Road is right on schedule and will open exactly one year from now in Fall 2019. Overcrowded campuses at Sandhills FarmLife and Vass Lakeview will soon be able to fit all students into their classroom buildings, and modular units will be things of the past. A study of the required redistricting is already underway, and a new principal and redrawn attendance lines should be announced late this fall.

The County Commissioners have authorized the release of the first school construction bonds so construction on the new Aberdeen Elementary School will begin in September. The formal ground-breaking ceremony will officially open the construction

site in mid-October. Early spring will see construction also get underway at the new Southern Pines Elementary School, just off Morganton Road, and the construction timeline has students and staff opening school in Fall 2020 at both these sites. Pinehurst Elementary is currently on the drawing board with an anticipated opening in Fall 2021. Design is also underway for a \$15 million dollar addition at North Moore High School, bringing a new auxiliary gymnasium, weight room, wrestling room, and 13 additional classrooms and science labs. We continue to be grateful for the long-range vision of our County Commissioners as they embrace the need to properly and safely house our students.

Our primary teachers may be interested to hear that MCS has returned "Purposeful Play" to our kindergarten classrooms. This process was removed from our NC kindergartens by the State some years ago, but the local school board listened to requests from our kindergarten teachers and curriculum and instruction teams and have opted to return this highly successful technique to these beginning classrooms. Watch as our youngest students "learn to love learning!"

The Board of Education and Superintendent Grimesey just unveiled a new strategic plan for the schools and will be sharing the new "Engage. Inspire. Succeed." Program during the early fall. This replaces the old "Growing to Greatness" Program used by Drs.

Purser and Spence. I hope to share more on this in a future mailing.

Additionally, STEM programs are expanding into the lowest grades at many of our schools, so students in K-2 classrooms will have the opportunity to see science and math in action. Eighteen more seniors received diplomas at the August graduation at the Community Learning Center, bringing our graduation rate to 81.8%. Early reports from many of our schools suggest that test schools on writing and math show improvement across the county. PBIS programs (Positive Behavior) continue to make a difference in discipline referrals in all schools, and several primary and middle schools will be receiving state recognition for the success of their programs.

The list can go on and on...so many wonderful things are happening in our public schools. Take a moment and look for a way to get involved again on campus; many hands make the work easy. Whether you tutor, paint, or do bulletin boards, help on all levels is appreciated. You might even find your real calling as I did last week—becoming an artist on the door of a bathroom stall. Come back and join us; the doors are now open!

**OUR SCHOOL BOARD
HAS BEEN BUSY!!**

From the *Eta Data* July, 2018:

Eta State Vision: “Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators”

Eta State Wellness Initiative

Self-Care Wellness—Living a Balanced Life

By: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, Eta State NC EEC Chair

Did you know that nearly 15 million Americans—one in 10 adults—experience depression each year? Major depression affects your mood, mind, body, and behavior and about two-thirds of those impacted don't get the help they need.

Women experience twice the rate of depression as men, regardless of race or ethnic background. An estimated one woman in eight will contend with a major depression in her lifetime. (<http://www.networkofcare.org/library/womenanddepression.pdf>)

For more information on the Eta State Wellness Initiative, SelfCare Wellness—Living a Balanced Life, visit <https://www.ncdkg.org/educationalexcellence-committee.html>

You'll find information, resources, activities, and tons of programs to aid in your EEC efforts as your chapter works toward self-care at both the individual and chapter levels. Download the PDFs as resources, share with your members and plan some of these self-care activities as chapter programs. They will make a difference for all involved. Remember to share EEC success stories as the year progresses. Here's to a year of Wellness!

Footnote: If you are unfamiliar with SCRIBD (the program on the EEC link on the Eta State NC website), just explore. You cannot hurt it. It has a side scroll bar that all are accustomed to using and also has a download icon, which is the common “down arrow.” Contact me if needed: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, drthcowan@gmail.com

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Rising printing and mailing costs and declining DKG membership caused the board to find ways to cut costs.

Five print issues of DKG News a year cost the Society over \$115,000.

Watch the DKG website for updates on when a new issue of the bimonthly newsletter has been posted.

International *Constitution and Standing Rules* Amended at Convention

After much lively discussion for and against changing the name of the Society, the name will remain The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Other proposed amendments, however, did pass at the International Convention July 16-20 in Austin. Among the proposed amendments that passed is to change the name of the state organizations to geographic locations and omit the Greek name references. The proposal retained that states shall name the chapters.

Although amendments take effect immediately upon passing at the convention, the name change will be gradual as the International Constitution Committee works through all the changes this month.

Another change is to allow education majors to become collegiate members of DKG. The new addition to the membership section outlines qualifications and dues.