



# President's Message

Nancy Simonette

This is the time for back-to-school for some of our chapter members, and new beginnings for others as they begin their retirement years. What better way to start the second half of our biennium than to welcome new members into Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Union Pines High School will do just that, and I hope that we will have a great turn out of our members to support our new sisters in Gamma Sigma. Our new members will also find out what wonderful cooks we have in our chapter with the covered dish meal that evening.

I have met with the president of Delta Rho this summer, and the plans for the Christmas Bazaar at the Pinehurst Members Club are already in pace. Yes, it will be here before we realize. Delta Rho is in charge of the planning for the bazaar, and they promise some special entertainment for us this year.

Also, the Gamma Sigma board met on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for the coming year, I know you will read about this in other parts of this newsletter, but I urge all members to be prepared to pay their dues at the September meeting, and at the very latest, mail the dues to our treasurer, Annette, before the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

I attended the Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill this past April and it was very inspiring and energizing to meet with fellow educators from throughout the state and know that we all face similar problems in education. Whether retired or still active in the profession, there is much we can do to promote our cause and reach the goal of our Organization.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**September 1** - Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards

**September 12** - Executive Board Meeting, Elon University

**November 15** - Deadline for International Educational Foundation Grant application (see [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org))

**December 5** – Christmas Bazaar – Pinehurst Country Club

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

**February 1** - Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International <https://www.dkg.org/>



# Treasurer's Report

Annette Blue

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.

At my request, the Executive Board has approved a change in the dues collection procedure. This change was prompted by the fact that last year it took me six months beyond the October 31 deadline to collect all the dues owed to our chapter. In years past, I have kept a member on our roster as long as they assured me they were sending their dues and wanted to remain a member. Because of what happened last year I can no longer continue that procedure. 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: **Annette Blue, 3021 Vass Carthage Road, Carthage, NC 28327.**

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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## **New online store coming soon - taken from President's Page, DKG International,**

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The DKG Store at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) will soon have a new face! Although many of the member resources, including the *Constitution* and *Go-To Guide*, will be available for free download, members can also request printed copies through the DKG Store. In addition, supplies and branded products are available for purchase. You may notice a slight difference in the shipping costs as the store can now bundle similar products when possible for more efficient shipping and align with the way shipping fees are assigned by the U.S. Post Office. The packaging/shipping fee will be assessed based on the packaging costs, product type and total weight. Orders can be placed online (look for the shopping cart icon for the DKG Store) or by phone at 888.762.4685 (toll free in U.S. and Canada) or 512.478.5748 ext. 125.

A chapter can save money on packaging/ shipping expenses by ordering supplies of a similar nature at the same

# **First Vice-Presidents Report**

**Debbie Favinger & Kate Faw**

Our September 15th meeting will be a covered dish and I am so looking forward to all the good food! We will have access to a microwave if you need it.

This meeting's program is Induction of New Members and Committee Reports. We need every member to vote on the four women nominated for membership. Due to the short turn around, we will be doing the vote electronically. You can go to <http://bit.ly/1Iz3WOb> to read the individual's bios and vote. If you have any issues, just e-mail me ([thefawfamily@gmail.com](mailto:thefawfamily@gmail.com)) and I will resolve them ASAP! Please cast your vote as soon as possible. We need to have time to contact each individual before the 15th.

Also at the September 15th meeting, committees will be having quick meetings and will then report out to the whole group what has been accomplished, what is being worked on, and what you will be doing in the coming months. Committee chairs may find it beneficial to contact their committee members prior to this meeting. If you are a chair and will not be present at the September meeting, please make sure someone from your committee will step up to lead the committee break-out sessions.

The December Bazaar, scheduled for December 5th, will be at the Members Club again. Besides the wonderful raffle items, we will be served a light meal of quiche and fresh fruit.

**For those of you starting the school year- good luck! To those of you retired...enjoy for us all!**

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## **NC Eta State President Sheila Groves** ***Something to think about... How visible is Delta Kappa*** **Gamma in your community? – taken from Eta/Data August, 2015**



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As you plan chapter events for the coming year, consider including your community. Dynamic projects and programs certainly engage Delta Kappa Gamma members and, if shared, may also attract new members with common interests. Select projects that offer opportunities to actively participate in service to the

# Educational Initiative (Literacy) Report

**Peggy Olney**

During the first week in June when I was in the mountains checking my email, I found a notice from Reading Is Fundamental that we had an opportunity to apply for a \$3800.00 grant from RIF and the Macy's 2015 Book Smart Campaign. We had to apply immediately so thanks to Nancy Simonette and computer technology, we got the application signed and were notified that we were awarded the money.

Since I had a doctor's appointment in Pinehurst on June 9, I scheduled a visit to Robbins Elementary to meet the new librarian and see if she could order the books (approximately 1900). She was very cooperative and immediately ordered the books so that we could meet the deadline.

The only problem was that I forgot to tell her to be sure to have the books delivered to the school. After I returned to the mountains, I got a notice that the books were being delivered...to my house! Thanks to some good friends whom I called on and a son-in-law who just happened to go by, the books were gathered up (12+ cartons) and put in the garage to stay dry. Thanks to some more help, they are all now at Robbins Elementary.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the grant, we will need to submit press releases, publicize the event with photos, distribute the books, and submit thank-you notes to the donor. **The RIF distribution is planned for Robbins Elementary for Friday, October 9, 2015!** I hope some of our Gamma Sigma members can be there to represent us and help with this project.

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## **Fall Executive Board Meeting Sept. 12** – *taken from Eta/Data August, 2015*

Summer is quickly coming to a close and schools are starting soon—or have started! This means that our Fall Executive Board meeting at Elon University is just around the corner.

The board meeting will be held September 12 at Moseley Hall on the campus of Elon University, Elon. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the business session will begin promptly at 10:00.

Registration and a check for lunch is due to Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon by September 1 at 183 Emory Mitchell Road, Zionville, NC 28698. The registration form can be found under Forms on the Eta State website at

**<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015ElonRegForm.pdf>**.

If a chapter president cannot attend, she is encouraged to register for a representative. In addition to chapter presidents, members of the Executive Board include Eta State officers, appointed personnel, state committee chairmen, regional directors and state past presidents.

Minutes from the Executive Board meeting at the Eta State Convention were emailed to board members in early July and again this week. Please read them and print to bring those with you to



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The Fall issue of *Eta State News* is now online! Highlights include a recap of SERC and news from chapters, members, and state events.

[deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFALL2015.pdf](http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFALL2015.pdf)

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society Gamma Sigma Meeting Notes April 21, 2015

Program: West End Elementary Spanish Emersion Program, Leigh Ann McClendon & West Pine Elementary Sensory Room, Elaina Aponte

May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the WEE gym Emersion Program

Several guests were in attendance.

Approval of minutes- moved and seconded

Treasure's Reports

- Balance April 21, 2015- \$1,768.32
- Membership
  - Active-43
  - Reserve-9
  - Honorary-1
- The 100 Challenge
  - Asking for a PLEDGE of \$10 from each member

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report

- Directories
  - Will be e-mailed out via PDF when finished

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report

- We've had 2 membership applications

Literacy Initiative/Brag Basket

Nancy Simonette received an e-mail that Sara Ruth Thompson passed away. Visitation is Friday evening at Brigg's Funeral Home in Candor.

Sara Webster is recovering.

Newsletter

- We need chapter items for our newsletters

Scholarships

- We had 5 applicants from North Moore High School. The committee will review and select soon.

World Fellowship

- The last Graduate School Scholarship Recipient was from Zambia.

Unfinished Business

- Nancy Simonette is the president elect of the Rotary club. Would like to ask Rotary for a grant to help fund RIF.
  - Nancy will get with Peggy Olney or Lucille Leeman to help get information related to what we are doing

