



DELTA DATA

Delta Chapter - ETA State - Region II - Greenville, NC

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — International Society for Key Women Educators

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING



Date: October 10th, 2017

Location: Winslow's

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$14

Program: Legislative Updates and Our Role in the Next Election

Reminders:

- ◇ Our meeting will be held in one of the private rooms in the back of Winslow's!
- ◇ If you have not already paid your membership dues, please remember to bring your checkbook! Your \$75 dues can be paid to Paige Ballance at this meeting. You can also pay for all of your meals in advance!
- ◇ If you plan on attending the meeting please RSVP to Paige Ballance as soon as possible. Final numbers must be given to the restaurant by the Thursday before our meeting. It really helps Ellen Hilgoe if those members who plan on attending RSVP and send their money *at least* one week prior to the meeting!

Please RSVP for the meeting and send your money to Paige Ballance no later than **Tuesday 10/3/2017!**



Send your money to Paige Ballance at 3317 Cadenza St Greenville, NC 27858

DELTA CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



Ornament Crafting



As you all know, this year we are hosting the tri-chapter meeting at Brook Valley Country Club on December 5th. In keeping with tradition, we are responsible for giving all of our DKG sisters a small favor to take home after the meeting. This year, we have decided to make sand dollar Christmas ornaments to give each of our sisters and we need your help to decorate them with the DKG name, colors, and ribbon.

We will be getting together to make the ornaments on Thursday October, 12th and would love to have as many of our sisters there as possible to help with this crafting project. We are planning to meet at 4:30 pm in the chorus room at E.B. Aycock Middle School. E.B. Aycock is located at 1325 Red Banks Rd. in Greenville. Please feel free to bring a light refreshment and a beverage of your choice to enjoy as we are busy crafting and enjoying the fellowship of our delta sisters. We do not think this will take long and if you need directions or more information please contact Stephanie Peo. We hope to see you there for this fun Delta event!



Book Collection

Literacy and Legacy



We need your help!!! This year, Faith May will be presenting at our tri-chapter meeting about a program she started here in Greenville called Literacy and Legacy. As a huge thank you we would like to present her with a collection of new and gently used books for children ages birth through 5th grade to contribute to her program. Please start collecting books now! We will be collecting book donations at the October meeting and at the tri-chapter meeting. You can also contact Stephanie Peo or Miranda Dunn to arrange book drop off if you are unable to attend either of these meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

Dec. 5th, 2017 - Tri-Chapter @
Brook Valley County Club
Feb. 13th, 2018 @ Cornerstone
April 10th, 2018 @ Seahorse

All meals will be \$14 except the
Tri-Chapter meeting which will be
\$25

It's That Time Again

Membership fees will be due by
October 31st and need to be
paid to Paige Ballance. You
may bring your payment of \$75
to the October chapter meeting
or send them to Paige Ballance.
Her address is located on the
first page of the newsletter.

Don't Forget to Update Your DKG Profile

This time of year often brings
changes in mail and/or email
addresses, so don't forget to
update your MyDKG Profile on
the International website. If you
need help registering on the
profile page, please contact
Stephanie Peo or Miranda Dunn
for the how-to instructions!

STATE AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Broadening Our Vision of “Active” Membership

By: Carolyn Pittman

2016-2018 International President

A town in northeast Arkansas is difficult to reach if one lives more than 20 miles away. It's commonly said that to get there, it's necessary to go somewhere else to start. However, all travelers CAN get there by following different paths.

How we express our own DKG membership looks like that. Membership is expressed in different ways, and what doesn't appear to be active may be the best a member can do at that stage of her life and career. All members can and do fulfill commitments even though their paths are different.

Members with families sometimes say they do not have the time and money to attend meetings (chapter, state organization, international) because personal resources are required elsewhere at the time. At another stage of life, meeting attendance is affected by loss of access to easy transportation because of health or age. Retired members may have too many commitments to attend regularly.

Expecting traditional practices to always “fit” our members is much like one-size-fits-all garments. What fits a size 2 will not fit a plus size—at least not in the same way.

Inflexible chapter practices (e.g., always meeting at the same time and place or initiating new members in specific months only) will not “fit” all members all the time and will cause some members to be left out.

Commitment to DKG may have different “looks.” Ideally we all have time, energy, interest, and resources to attend and participate in every DKG event. However, at different stages of our lives and careers, we have different needs and commitments. Life circumstances require us to make choices.

Attendance is important because what occurs at meetings builds personhood beyond the schoolhouse. However, attendance is only **one** way to evidence commitment. Paying dues, overseeing short-term projects, being present in the community and school, and maintaining communication are also significant indications of member involvement.

If you hear something negative about members not wanting to go to meetings, consider how lifestyles have altered. Gens X, Y, Z and millennials want to participate in projects and professionally meaningful programs. Spending time planning projects does not hold as much value for some generations as *doing* the projects.

Do we honor a member's decision to prioritize a chapter meeting, a sports event to support children, staying after school to tutor a student, or having dinner with family for the first time this week? Living responsibly as professionals and world citizens is honorable and evidences the Purposes of the Society.

Let's discover ways to support professionalism. Let's be creative in ways to **take** the meeting to the member who cannot **go** to the meeting. Skype? Webinars? GoToMeeting? Facetime? DKG provides personal and professional value for all members, whether by actual or virtual reality.

*What is important is doing our best for learners and educators. What may not look like active membership may well be the **MOST** active membership. I am **NOT** suggesting that members should miss meetings because they just don't want to go. I **AM** saying we should not view meeting attendance as the major evidence of commitment to DKG membership.*

We take individual routes to the same destination. Everybody's membership and commitment does not look the same. Let's honor women educators at all stages and in all their arenas – DKG, career, community and family. Let's acknowledge **EVERY** member to be among *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.



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Let's Sparkle!

How can Eta State Sparkle in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma? One of the best ways our members can support other members is with donations to the DKG International Emergency Fund. The Emergency Fund provides \$500 for members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires, and other natural disasters.

It is with pride I share this visionary fund that Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began in 1948! To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to [https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate to DKG.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate%20to%20DKG.aspx) and click on "Emergency Fund." If you would prefer to make a donation by check, please download Form-43. Mail this form with your check to the address listed on Form-43.

Wellness Initiative

Did you know that one in nine people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water? With this knowledge as a driving force, Dr. Teresa Cowan, first vice-president and EEC chair, in coordination with President Connie P. Savell's wellness initiative goal, offers these suggestions for chapter involvement:

- Make a commitment to preservation, conservation and a healthy consumption of water. Check out this site for ideas: <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>
- Follow the Liters to 1 million! Watch the video at <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> to learn how individuals, chapters and communities can get involved.
- Donate to the LifeStraw Safe Water Fund at <http://lifestraw.com/engage/>
- Purchase gifts at <https://lifestraw.eartheasy.com/>
- Start a chapter project to promote awareness locally and globally <http://lifestraw.com/corporate-partnerships/>

EEC invites chapters to think globally and act locally. EEC and Eta State NC sisters are ever-working to fulfill the EEC focus: venture into areas of leadership, grow personally and professionally, and be global!

2018 Convention Hotel Registration

Hotel registration for the April 2018 Eta State NC Convention is now open! Eta State NC Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon announces that the room block has been increased at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. Rooms are still expected to fill quickly so book early. The convention begins Friday, April 27, 2018 and concludes on Sunday, April 29. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until **April 12 or until the block is filled**. Registration may be made online at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-DKG-20180426/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

DKG Annual Calendar

- Oct. 1 - Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- Oct. 10 - Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- Oct. 15 - Deadline to submit amendment proposals to DKG *Constitution and/or International Standing Rules*
- Oct. 31 - Deadline for chapter members to submit dues to chapter treasurer (may be earlier as set by chapter)
- Nov. 1 - Deadline to apply for Lucille Cometet Seminar PD Award
- Nov. 10 - Deadline to request an International Speaker
- Nov. 10 - Deadline for chapter treasurers to submit Report of Dues and Fees to state treasurer
- Nov. 15 - 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 1 - Deadline to apply for Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar
- Dec. 15 - Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

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- Jan. 3 - Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation project applications
- Jan. 10 - Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- Jan. 15 - Deadline for regions to submit names for new Regional Directors
- Feb. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucille Cometet Individual PD Awards
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International
- Feb. 1 Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions
- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Award form due to regional directors
- Mar. 1 Golden Key Award and Rising Star Award nominations due
- Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards due
- Mar. 1 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Delta Sisters,

Fall is here! I hope you are able to enjoy the outdoors in the evening as much as I am. We have a very important program coming up on October 10th at Winslow's. Please be sure to attend, as there will be a lot of information shared with us, that we need to share with our community stakeholders in education.



Please remember our ETA State Challenge to tell someone outside of education about a positive experience that you have had with your students, parents or community that relates to education. It's up to us to let our light shine and sparkle!

In Sisterhood,

Stephanie

"I encourage you to remember that you are, indeed, as the stars. You glow with the same intensity. The answers that you seek outside of yourself may very well be found within the cosmic intelligence inside you. Go ahead; show the world what you are made of! Sparkle, shine, light the way, and brightly blaze as you are meant to do."

— Mishi McCoy

OTHER NEWS

Want Text Reminders About Our Meetings?



You can now receive text messages concerning Delta Kappa Gamma events and get reminders about our chapter meetings by texting the message **@h78e22** to 81010. If you need assistance with this process please see Ruth Hicks or Miranda Dunn at one of our chapter meetings to get set up with text reminders!

Have something you want included in the Delta Data?

Please contact the editor with information you would like to share with our Delta sisters and/or to share pictures from recent chapter events.

Please contact the editor with any questions, comments, or concerns as well! As always, thank you for reading!

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