

## ETA STATE NEWS

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# **Dr. Gwen Simmons,** Gamma Kappa **Named International Parliamentarian**

Submitted by Gwen Simmons Ed.D, Gamma Kappa

Wen Simmons, Ed.D., a former state president (1995-97) and state editor (1997-2006), was appointed international parliamentarian at the 2014



International Convention. In that role, Simmons will serve as 1) consultant to the Constitution Committee, 2) a member of the Constitution Interpretation Committee, and 3) a member ex officio, without vote, on the international administrative board and the international executive board. She will act

as advisor to DKG members in matters pertaining to interpretation of the *Constitution* and to parliamentary usage.

## STAR of the Southeast Lynda Tamblyn, Alpha

Submitted by President Patricia Taylor

Every other year, the members of Southeast Region The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recognize one member from each state for their service

to the Society on the local and state levels. The person is someone who does not seek any recognition for their service to their chapter and state. Members from each state send in nominations to their state president. Lynda Tamblyn, from Alpha Chapter, was selected as the "Star of the Southeast" from North Carolina and was honored at the Southeast Regional Breakfast at the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was unable to attend the convention because of her dedication to her family obligations.

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North Carolina Delegation 2014 International Convention Indianapolis, Indiana

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"Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Women Educators"

## Eta State Theme:

## Together, We Are Stronger - Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!



Patricia Taylor

Eta State
Organization
President
2013-2015

"Once a teacher; always a teacher!"

Have you ever heard this saying? How about saying this..."Once a teacher; always a leader!" In this next year of our biennium together, Eta State will focus on teachers as leaders and re-commitment to membership (in connection with Eta State's continuing theme,

"Together, We Are Stronger – Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"). Eta State members will also continue to "mentor members" and promote "genuine spiritual fellowship" as well as promote "support for early career-educators."

As we think about teachers as leaders, most of us may tend to think about our role models in DKG. To be an effective leader, it helps to have an effective role model and/or mentor. One way to learn from effective leaders and gain new role models in the Society is to attend state, regional, and international events. Attending the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be the highlight of my summer this year; an opportunity to learn more from Society leaders from all over the world as well as from recognized, celebrated leaders in business and education. Through a variety of workshops (over 100!) and networking with our worldwide sisters (recognized leaders in their own fields of education), Delta Kappa Gamma sisters will gain new insights and ideas as to how their individual leadership skills can be utilized to strengthen their chapters, their state organizations, and their personal lives.

As our new chapter leaders begin their biennium and we continue, together, through the next year, it is my hopes that we will take full advantage of local, state, and international events and opportunities to not only learn more about how to strengthen our leadership as teachers and individuals, but also to strengthen our membership in Eta State and to bless someone else's life with our knowledge and experience the way our life has been blessed by knowing another DKG sister. "Reach out and touch somebody's hand." "We are bound to each as sisters." At the same time, let us continue to commit to, cherish, and share our sisterhood to help the life of our chapters and our state organization become stronger. Together, we are stronger!

Patricia Taylor Eta State President 2013-2015

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# **Newly Formed Educational Foundation Board Meets**

Written and submitted by members of the board

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Board of Directors, as appointed by the state president Pat Taylor, held its premier meeting on July 7, 2014, at the Delta Kappa Gamma headquarters in Asheboro, North Carolina, to elect officers and review the roles and responsibilities of its Directors. The Board will complete the establishment process during this two-year term. The Board of Directors includes Dr. Barbara Leonard, Louise Lomack, Maxine McCall, Pat Woods, Connie Savell, Patricia Taylor, Eta State President, and the newly elected officers: Dr. Judith B. Carlson, Chair; Dr. Mary Cauley, Vice Chair; Betty Marshall, Treasurer, and Dr. Suzanne Irwin, Secretary.

The Foundation is in the process of applying for 501 C (3) status. When approved, the Foundation Board will support the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Delta Kappa Gamma members will have the opportunity for enhanced leadership development, support beginning teachers, establish scholarships, and grant funding. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational purposes.





(seated) Pat Taylor, 2013-2015 Eta State President, Board Chairman Dr. Judith Carlson (second row) Dr. Barbara Leonard, Dr. Pat Woods, Board Vice-Chairman Dr. Mary Cauley, Board Secretary Dr. Suzanne Irwin, Max*ine McCall, (third row)* Louise Lomick, Eta State Second Vice-President Connie Savell. Board Treasurer Eta State past president Betty Marshall. Not pictured: Board "Sub" for the Eta State President (should the need arise). Eta State First Vice-President Sheila Groves.

(seated): Board Vice-Chairman Dr. Mary Cauley, Board Chairman Dr. Judith Carlson, (second row) Board Secretary Dr. Suzanne Irwin and Board Treasurer Eta State past state president Betty Marshall.



### THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

~~ Jim Rohn

Quote provided to Leroy the Leadership Guy by Dr. Mary Cauley



### In Memoriam

~White Roses~

Bivens, Margaret Kappa April 30, 2014 Harris, Margaret Alpha April 14, 2014 Horton, Calaree Jarvis Alpha Omega June 6, 2014

#### Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and to Eta State. The updated interactive report form (Form 6) is available at www.dkg.org under Forms. It may be completed online and sent to the Membership Services Administrator or mailed. A copy is to be sent to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Bell Jones, *rjonesdkg@gmail.com*, Eta State Membership Chair Veda McNair, vehomc@earthlink.com, and President Patricia Taylor, *eta1315pt@gmail.com*.



## Report from the Education Law and Policy Committee

By Dr. Elaine Jenkins, Chair

With the passage of S744, the General Assembly approved an overall increase of \$58,874,986 over the previous year's budget which constitutes a 0.73% increase. *Selected highlights* from the budget are:

- \$282.3 million dollar for teacher raises, averaging a 7% raise
  - However, part of the funding for the increase comes from folding in longevity pay to salaries and a cessation of longevity pay for teachers in the future.
     Thus the teacher raises average from 5.5% to 5.7%.
  - The 37-step salary schedule is replaced with a 6-step schedule.
     Salary information may be seen at www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/fbs/ salprovsummary.pdf.
- Non-certified school employees (teacher assistants, bus drivers, clerical support) and central office personnel receive a \$500 pay increase plus a \$118 increase in benefits.
- Most state employees will receive a \$1,000 pay raise and \$236 increase in benefits and 5 bonus vacation days.
- No public school employees will receive the 5 bonus vacation days.
- State and school retirees will receive a 1% costof-living adjustment.

Source: NCASA (<u>www.ncasa.net</u>) Katherine Joyce and Adam Pridemore

Additional information regarding legislation action on education from the 2014 General Assembly is forthcoming.



Elaine Jenkins, Lynn Ragsdale, Senator Buck Newton (Senate Education Committee), his son, and Mary Nell Ferguson from Alpha Beta Chapter visited the General Assembly on May 21st to discuss education concerns of DKG.

## **Leadership Development Committee**

By Thomasa Stammer, Chair

#### **NOTICE**

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#### **Membership Committee**

By Veda McNair, Newly Appointed Membership Committee Chair

### An Important Message

## from the Membership Committee

https://www.dkg.org/content/change-address-form-27-word-interactive

Have YOU updated your email address or other

information on the International website?

NO? Why not do it now? Form 27

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When you open the link above, scroll down and click on link beside "Click link to download file."

Fill in the interactive form. SAVE IT as Change of Address (Your desktop is a good place).

Open email and send to lisas@dkg.org or print and mail to address on the bottom of the form.

NOTE: Please check with your Chapter President, Treasurer, and Communications Chair to ensure that they have the most current contact information for you. If you have new information and the changes have not been relayed to International, your old contact information is still on file.

#### Don't be a bounce back.

Many errors are simply typos, please correct so you can receive all communication regarding your Chapter, State Organization, and International Organization.

### Do it TODAY!!!

#### What DKG Means to Me

By Veda McNair, Newly Appointed Membership Committee Chair

It was the fall of 1981. What a thrill; what an honor to be invited and initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta State, Beta Chapter. My heart pounded; bursting with pride as my biographical sketch was read. After several statements about the history, significance, and purposes of DKG, I was given an oath. I held my head high as I promised to support the ideals of this prestigious organization. I was filled with pride and love for this Society, so much that even after moving to Goldsboro, I commuted for several years back to Raleigh for meetings. Once transferring to a Goldsboro chapter (IOTA), I realized I had joined a different set of sisters who were just as welcoming and caring. Since 1981, I have proudly worn my DKG badge. My certificate of membership hangs in my home beside my degrees, plagues, and certificates of honor that I have earned during my career. While I was in the orientation ceremony, emphasis on the fact that I was not there by chance is the key to why I value and honor my membership today.

As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we have proven ourselves to be key women educators because of our dedication and contribution to the field of education. Teaching is such a noble profession that any woman invited to membership in DKG knows and should be

motivated by the fact that she is recognized by her peers to be one of the best of the best. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a group of key women educators, serves as a testament to all that education represents. It stands for excellence. Encourage chapter members to emphasize the honor and dignity of invitations and initiations of new members as well as re-commitment to membership for themselves. Help re-kindle the pride in the Society for each chapter member.

#### **Nominations Committee**

By Vicky Rogers, Chair

The Eta State Nominations Committee is taking applications for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Officer positions include President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Recording Secretary. The completed applications are due on or before November 15, 2014. An application will be posted on the Eta State website to download. Please mail your completed form to Vicky Rogers, Nominations Chair, 1210 Francis Farm Road, Waynesville, NC 28786. If you have any questions please call 828-456-1830. Our committee looks forward to this opportunity to communicate with outstanding women in North Carolina.

## DKG/UN/World Fellowship

By Tomika Altman-Lewis, Chair

## The Buzz about World Fellowship

he DKG International World Fellowship committee members have had a busy and rewarding biennium. They reviewed 75 applications submitted for the 2013-2014 grants, selected 23 recipients from 22 different countries to receive \$4000.00 each to pursue post-graduate degrees from American or Canadian universities. Ten talented women received extensions to previous awards. The 98 applications for the 2014-2015 grants continued to challenge the committee as the personal stories and stated goals were inspiring. Nineteen recipients from 17 countries will receive \$4000.00 each with four extensions of \$1000.00 awarded. Committee members also reviewed the Form 41 submitted by state organizations, updated the World Fellowship information on the web, participated in Info Fairs at various regional conferences, and prepared for a workshop at the International Convention in Indianapolis.

World Fellowship is funded through donations. Through the generosity of DKG members, contributions

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## Meet our 2014-2016 Regional Directors

By Connie Savell, Second Vice President

Our newly appointed regional directors began their term on July 1. The regional directors serve as liaisons between chapters and the state organization. Their term of office is concurrent with the chapter officers. Each regional director has served as chapter president and is active in her chapter. The new regional directors have shared highlights about themselves to help you get to know them. Please invite your regional director to a chapter meeting during the next two years. They are prepared to advise and support new chapter presidents and assist you in carrying out the work of DKG.

Region I: Barbara Hardy, Delta Zeta barbarajeanhardy@gmail.com



Barbara is an AIG Facilitator at Kitty Hawk Elementary School, and she enjoys forming deep bonds with her students by the time they move to the middle school. She has served her chapter as Delta Zeta President, Recording Secretary, Treasured Rose, and Spelling Bee chair. In her free time she enjoys

yoga, gardening, reading, and swimming. Something you might not know about her is she attended UNC and had a pet boa constrictor while in college.

Region II: Carolyn Lane, Gamma Epsilon clane44@ec.rr.com



Carolyn retired from Jones County as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; however, she still finds it exciting to interact and work with other educators. She loves reading, working with her youth group, and spending time with her nieces. Carolyn has served as Chapter President, Vice President,

a member of the Standing Rules, EEC, Beginning Teacher Committees and chairman of the Membership Committee. On the state level, Carolyn has served as a convention presenter and member of the Membership Committee. Something you might not know about her is she participated in the first annual Jones County's performance of "Dancing with the Stars" and portrayed Sandi in "Grease." After retirement, she began her own business, "Designing Your Success," because of her love of education.

Region III: Bonnie Siegner, Gamma Omicron besiegner@aol.com



Bonnie is retired from the Wake County Public School System where she was a teacher for the Visually Impaired. She continues to substitute and contract teach. The best part of her job was visually watching impaired students grow and develop as a regular student

in the classroom and see them become independent learners and achievers. She enjoys reading, quilting, gardening, and cooking in her spare time. Bonnie has served on most of the committees at the local level, First Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and President on two previous occasions. Bonnie will serve as President of Gamma Omicron in 2014-2016. On the state level she has served on the Membership Committee as both a member and chairman, Regional Director in 1994-1996, and is currently serving on the Rules Committee. Something you might not know about her is she loves to fish with her husband and loves ink pens!

# Region IV: Elizabeth Miars, Theta eherringmiars@gmail.com



Elizabeth is a retired Elementary Administrator with New Hanover County Schools. She has completed several interim administrative positions since her retirement. As the principal, she loved walking through the halls in the morning interacting with students and staff members. Elizabeth enjoys shopping, traveling, gardening, reading,

and tennis. She has served as President twice and held various committee chairs of Theta Chapter. Something you might not know about her is she received the UNCW Watson School of Education Razor Walker Award.



Region V: Carolyn Vincent, Eta <a href="mailto:cccv@aol.com">ccccv@aol.com</a>



Carolyn retired after teaching Middle School Language Arts for 33 years at Carrington Middle School and then took a position as Media Assistant at Sandy Ridge Elementary in Durham. The favorite part of her job is interacting with the children and getting to know the beginning teachers as she mentors them with

suggestions and encouragement. She enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, writing, and spending time with family. In 2012-2014, she served as Co-President of Eta Chapter. Something you might not know about her is she is an aspiring author.

Region VI: Karen Bullard, Alpha Tau bulljklm@earthlink.net



Karen retired as an elementary Academically Gifted teacher and loved working with the children. Her favorite vacation spot is the beach. She likes to stay involved with her children John and Laura. John is at currently at East Carolina University, and Laura is currently at Village Christian Academy.

Karen has served the last two biennia as the Alpha Tau Chapter President. Something you might not know about her is that Karen has a twin brother.

# Region VII: Dr. Barbara Leonard, Gamma Alpha leon3088@bellsouth.net



Barbara is a Professor and Dean at the School of Education, High Point University. She found it satisfying working with her students who are preparing to become extraordinary teachers. Needlepoint, reading, and being "Grammy" are some of her hobbies. Barbara has served as President, First Vice

President of Gamma Alpha Chapter and has served on the Ad Hoc Committee on Establishing an Educational Foundation on the state level. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Eta State Educational Foundation. Something you might not know about her is she was a Brownie Scout through Senior Girl Scout Curved Bar rank member and Scout leader. In 1959, she attended the Girl Scout Roundup in Colorado Springs, CO.

## Region VIII: Susan Lee, Delta Pi sdlee128@yahoo.com



Susan is a second-grade teacher at Park View Elementary in the Mooresville Graded School District. She is completing her 20<sup>th</sup> year teaching. Watching children grow as learners and becoming more independent is the best part of her job. Susan enjoys reading, sewing, and scrapbooking

as hobbies in her spare time. She has served Delta Pi as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President in 2012-2014. Something you might not know about Susan is her first career was working with handicapped adults and when her children were young, she was a substitute mail carrier.

Region IX: Janice Linker, Gamma Delta linkerjh@alleghany.k12.nc.us



Janice is currently the Principal at Glade Creek School (PK-8), Alleghany County. She has served as a teacher and Assistant Superintendent. Janice loves being part of shaping the future through her involvement with developing teacher leaders and connecting personally with children and their families. Janice served

as President of Gamma Delta and was honored as a Treasured Rose. Something you might not know about her is she would love to develop a singing voice and get involved with the community theater when she has more time.

Region X: Patricia Clark, Alpha Nu patriciahc@bellsouth.net



Patricia is a retired high school math teacher and loved providing one-on-one assistance to her students when she was teaching. Patricia's hobbies include sewing designer garments and home decorating items. She has served as President, Secretary, and membership chairman of

Alpha Nu Chapter. On the state level she has served as chairman of three committees Membership, Planning, and Program of Work, and been Recording Secretary.



Something you might not know about her in 1989 she was selected to represent NC at a national 4-H conference titled "Volunteers for the Future." Following the conference, she chaired a committee which planned a similar conference for NC volunteer 4-H leaders.

## Region XI: Bonnie Golden, Alpha Phi jerboni123@bellsouth.net



Bonnie is a retired middle school teacher teaching all classes and grade levels. The last ten years of her career she was an AIG teacher. The favorite part of her job was relating to students in a personal way, and watching them mature throughout the middle school.

The beach is her favorite vacation spot. Bonnie enjoys reading, water aerobics, and sewing. She has served Alpha Phi as chapter President, Past President for two

# Corrections to the Summer, 2014 edition of Eta State News.

Several Region VII chapters received an a Excellence Award for their chapter newsletters at the Eta State Convention not the Participation Award as reported on page 7.

Beta Delta Beta Omicron Delta Nu Beta Xi Gamma Alpha

Credit for Web 2.0 on page 6 belongs to **Nancy Tunstall**, *Gamma Chi Chapter*.

Alpha Beta Chapter member **Karen Hicks'** name was incorrectly identified as Karen Daren in two photos on page 11.

Page 3, bottom left column. **Shirley White,** Golden Key Recipient, was incorrectly listed as Region I. Shirley represents Region III.

terms, Personal and Professional Growth chair and is currently Communications Chairman. Something you might not know about her is she will celebrate her 45<sup>th</sup>-wedding anniversary this year.

#### From the Editor's Mailbox

To my friends and family,

"I just wanted to send a note and express my appreciation of gratitude for your cards, prayers, flowers, gifts, hugs, or should I say elbow bumps, phone calls, text and many other expressions of concern and love for me. I am back to work full time, getting stronger everyday. My last doctors appointment, I received great test results and will continue to be monitored by my great team of doctors and nurses at the Lineberger Cancer Center as I continue to be in complete molecular remission from leukemia. I would not have been able to endure the process if I had not had my faith, and all the many friends and family that filled my life at this time. I look forward to coming back and coaching this wonderful team and I hope to see you at Carmichael Arena very soon. Again thanks for being my guardian angel."

Sincerely, Coach Sylvia Hatchell

**Dr. Lace Marie Brogden**, *Northwest Regional Director*, sends her congratulations to our scholarship recipients over the past decade. North Carolina has awarded \$389K in state organization scholarships in two decades! "Way to go!"



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International North Carolina State Organization

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#### **Our Mission**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.







The state EEC divided supplies for beginning teachers in Region II that were collected at the 2014 Eta State Convention in Greenville.

Back Row: Tammy Cullom, Chairman of the Beginning Teachers State Committee, Dr. Carol Maidon, and Dr. Sherry Willis Front Row: Amanda Morris and MaryCraven Poteat

## NOTICE

Send address and email changes *IMMEDIATELY* 

to your chapter and to International Office. A change form is available on *dkg.org*Don't miss a single DKG publication!

## Mark Your Calendar

2014

September 6 Executive Board Meeting

Elon University

Elon, NC

October 10 Eta State News Deadline

November 15 990-N ePostcard due to

IRS

2015

**April 24-26 Eta State Convention** 

Chapel Hill, NC

June 17-20 Eta State Leadership

Development Seminar Peace University

Raleigh, NC

July 15-18 Southeast Regional

Conference Savannah, GA

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July 5-9 Intern

International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN Continued from page 5

from July 2012-July 2013 totaled \$79.236.97. \$180,200 has been awarded during this biennium. Funded fields of study include education, business, crime prevention, public health and nutrition, agriculture, human rights, technology, the sciences and the arts. Recipients will be taking a variety of skills back to their home countries. DKG is sharing our vision and impacting education worldwide!

Peggy Rupe, International World Fellowship Committee chair *Taken from the July/August 2014 Strengthening the Buzz* 

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Thank you to the proofer readers of this issue.

Susan Kuenzel Sylvia Eaglin Judy Gruebmeyer Patricia Taylor



# **Eta State Chapter Members Excel! Congraulations, Sisters!**

Theta (Region IV, New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender) Dorothie Willson is a "Shining Star" this year. She was selected by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction because of her creative imagination used to develop math games for K-3, mainly Kindergarten.

**Alpha Xi** (*Region VIII*, *Alexander and Iredell*) **Jennifer Hefner**, Chapter President 2012-2014, has been appointed as the new superintendent for Alexander County. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Beta Beta (Region VII, Guilford) Pam Misher, former principal /educator for 32 years, received her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction. She graduated May 2014 from Gardner-Webb University. Pam is a former Executive Leadership Coach with Piedmont Triad Leadership Academy and adjunct professor at UNCG. Dr. Pam Misher retired from education, June 2014. When asked what her plans are now, Pam replied she plans to continue working in education!

Beta Delta (Region VII, Guilford) Mary Lynn Redmond is currently president of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). This spring she presented at three regional conferences: Memphis, TN; St. Louis, MO; Boston, MA. Christina Purgason presented a session titled, "Developing International Mindedness in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Beyond" at the International Baccalaureate Conference of the Americas in Washington, D.C.

**Gamma Xi** (Region IV, Bladen) **Lorraine Noel Dennis** received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1500. She plans to use her award to attend the 2014 National Singapore Math Conference. Congratulations to Lorraine for taking advantage of the opportunity to receive funding from the Cornetet Professional Development Award offered through the International Education Foundation. The award is open to members and nonmembers. See <a href="http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html">http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html</a> for more information.

Gamma Chi (Region III, Warren) Kristen Boyd was appointed as principal at Aycock Elementary School. She previously served as assistant principal at the same school. Maryanne Henry has been named Teacher of the Year at Northside Elementary School. Maryanne teaches first grade.

**Delta Pi** (Region VIII, Iredell) Susan Overcash received her Master of Library Science from Appalachian State University. Congratulations to Susan.

**Delta Rho** (Region VI, Lee) **Amanda Bullard** is pursuing a Doctorate of Educational Leadership. Amanda has an International Internship that has taken her to Belize where she designed and delivered professional development to teachers and worked with principals on development of school improvement plans. In August, Amanda returned to Belize to continue her work.

## The North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine Awarded to Lenoir-Rhyne Retiree



arah Wallace, Nu Chapter, recently received The North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award for 38 years of service at Lenoir-Rhyne University! Sarah retired after a long career serving the youth of North Carolina. Congratulations on both achievements, Sarah!

Christine Smith, Alpha Lambda Chapter has an article published in the Summer 2014, Volume 80-4 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.



The article is entitled "Elementary School Grade Retention: High School Seniors Provide Perceptions of Being Held Back"

Christine reports it was a fun study and she is pleased that her article was included in *The Bulletin*.



### Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

By Dedra Davis, Alpha Iota Chapter

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments recently awarded the William C. Friday Lifetime Achievement Award to Alpha Iota member Dr. Beth Tyson Lofquist, who served twice as Western Carolina University's interim provost before retiring from WCU earlier this spring. The award was presented to Lofquist during the annual John L. Sanders Awards Banquet, which was part of a statewide association's meeting held on the Western Carolina campus Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Beth is a vital member in the Alpha Iota chapter of the The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She has dedicated numerous hours working on many projects including our Jamaican Teacher's project and the Annual Christmas auction. She is a role model to young teachers in her chapter. Dr. Tyson Lofquist



holds three degrees from WCU – a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, a master's degree in early childhood education, and an educational specialist degree in intermediate education. She earned her doctorate in curriculum and teaching from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1997. Lofquist became a fulltime faculty member of WCU in 1993. She served as head of the department of birth through kindergarten, elementary and middle grades education from 2002 to 2005. Lofquist became associate provost Sept. 15, 2008. after a three-year term as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. In 2011, Lofquist accepted an initial appointment to serve as interim provost. She retired from this post in 2012. Due to an untimely death she was asked to return to the position for a second time at the request of Chancellor David O. Belcher in 2013. In the spring of 2014, Lofquist hopefully retired for the last time.

"The WCU delegation to ASG nominated Dr. Lofquist for her many years of service to WCU, including coming out of retirement when the university needed her," said Ryan Hermance, president of the Student Government Association at Western Carolina. "The WCU SGA knows and recognizes her passion and dedication to the students of WCU and wanted to ensure that she received the praise she deserves."

### Davis named to Governor's Teacher Network

By Dedra Davis, Alpha Iota



Alpha Iota member Dedra Davis, NBCT art teacher from Cherokee County, has been selected to participate in the Governor's Teacher Network, (GTN) a Race to the Top-funded initiative operated in partnership by the Office of the Governor and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

This initiative will provide a statewide platform for teachers to share their best work around instruction and professional development and help advance Race to the Top (RttT) funded educational remodeling efforts across the state.

Through the GTN, approximately 450 teachers from across North Carolina will serve for one year as instructional and professional development coaches and facilitators. Network Teachers remain in their current roles but will also work to gain a deeper understanding of the State's RttT-funded work in one of two "pathways," both related to the establishment of Home Base. Dedra's proposal for Pathway One includes conducting an action research project and designing staff development for both classroom teachers and art teachers in teaching art across the content areas in an elementary setting. She will share her research and results with staff of Andrews Elementary, Cherokee County Schools and school systems across the state of North Carolina. For this work, Mrs. Davis will be awarded \$10,000.



## **Tonya Welch Visits International Headquarters**

By Tonya Welch, Chi Chapter President

The morning of May 27, 2014, I was in Austin, TX for the NISOD (National Institute for Organizational Development) conference that celebrates Excellence in Teaching Award winners from across the country. Since I was in the vicinity, I decided to visit the DKG Society International Headquarters in downtown Austin. As I made my way up the front walk, I noticed the pink brick and marble surrounding the front entrance. I did not know at the time that the color and stones were chosen to represent the feminine qualities of this women's group. Upon entering, I was greeted by smiles and asked to sign the guestbook on the table just inside the entryway. I was offered a tour of the building by Sandra Roche, who walked me through the rooms and the history of our headquarters. The first room is the Annie Webb Blanton Room that boasts a portrait of Dr. Blanton, commissioned in 1938, and completed in 1940. There is also a mahogany breakfront that houses Dr. Webb's china collection and is available for initiations. receptions and programs for up to 100 guests. I could almost imagine the room full of enthusiastic women discussing the needs in education. The tour continued through the building that features a modern kitchen and many offices for the staff in

our organization. The Edna McGuire Boyd Library houses resources and society documents and is used for meetings and multimedia presentations. The Rose Wall includes the metal roses artwork with leaves depicting names of monetary donors, and rises along the stairwell in front of doors that lead to a beautifully serene terrace. In the hallway between offices are glass cases that contain historical items pertaining to Delta Kappa Gamma across the world and through the years. Items include dolls, pins, jewelry, needlework and various other artifacts. The sense of pride and accomplishment that came through learning of the DKG history was overwhelming. Before leaving I decided to have a picture made in front of the beautiful tapestry hanging in the entryway. The needlepoint tapestry, "Molder of Destiny," was presented at the Silver Anniversary of DKG in 1954 by a member from Alabama. The tapestry features the letters of the Greek Alphabet to represent all of the chapters within our organization.

The staff were welcoming, friendly and wanted to know about where I was from and some of our chapter activities. As an incoming chapter president, I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to visit and tour a place of such importance within our organization. The amount of history and the documentation of the heritage of our organization and what it stands for is incomparable. I highly recommend a visit to our DKG Society International Headquarters if the opportunity arises.



Tonya Welch, Chi Chapter



Dr. Webb's rose china Collection



The Rose Wall metal sculpture



# State Convention Impressions from your 2014-2016 Theta Chapter President....

Printed with the permission of Suzanne Meyer, Theta Chapter

s Elizabeth and I prepared for the Eta State Convention held in Greenville this weekend, I bombarded her with questions: what should I wear? what should I bring? How many people will be there? As a new president, I was feeling a bit overwhelmed with the responsibility of this position; Elizabeth did her best to prepare me, regaling me with stories of the ladies who are ever-present at the conventions, dressed to the nines and ready for a good time!

I could write all night about everything I learned while I was there; however, one thing that will truly stick with me is the kindness and dedication of each and every person who attended. Imagine (and some of you have experienced this firsthand when you attended a state convention) being in a room of over 330 teachers who, many long retired, are still dedicated to the vision and the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma. The room hums with excitement. That is worth its weight in gold.

We arrived Friday afternoon, checked in and headed to the opening meeting. Recognition, awards, music, and laughter ensued for the rest of the evening.

Saturday morning we were up and out of the room early to attend the morning session which included performances by local musicians. After lunch, we were treated to a plethora of sessions to choose from. I attended a session on the DKG Strategic Action Plan, then onto a

great presentation by Lynn Ragsdale and Dr. Elaine Jenkins, followed by an informative session on membership. Elizabeth and I were definitely tired, but the fun did not stop there! There was a beautiful banquet and program that evening. Elizabeth and I were seated at different tables, which gave us the opportunity to meet more new sisters.

To be surrounded by 330 strong leaders makes your heart beat faster. It makes you realize that one chapter, one region, one state can make such incredible change in the world. It makes you realize that we are part of a bigger vehicle created to "share our vision and strengthen our society." Pat Taylor, our state president, is asking each of us "to dare to be courageous." Shall we be courageous together?

After this weekend, I see the whole picture. We have an opportunity to be stronger together as sisters, as a chapter, a state and an international society. I am truly humbled by all of the support each of you has offered me as I begin my new adventure as President of Theta Chapter.

Sincerely, Suzanne Meyer

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### **Delta Beta Grant Becomes Annual Event**

By Betty Eidenier, Delta Beta Chapter

The 4th Annual Orange County Schools Cultural Explosion, grades K - 12, featured performances, booths, and food trucks bringing multicultural experiences to students and families. Originally designed as part of a grant, the Explosion is now funded by the school system and donors, thanks to hard work and organization by Delta Beta member Nan Lujan. Lujan is chair of the Elementary World Languages Department and Spanish teacher at Pathways Elementary School in Hillsborough. Foreign language students in all grade levels contribute to the displays.



Nan Lujan at the 4th Annual Orange County Schools Cultural Explosion, at the registration table passing out door prize tickets and event programs.



## **Forsyth Chapters Featured in Television Series**

By Judy Williard, Zeta Chapter

Well, not exactly featured, but almost. To commemorate Zeta's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary along with Eta State's 80<sup>th</sup> and Delta Kappa Gamma's 85<sup>th</sup>, 2012-14 Zeta President Wrenn Conrad and Communication Chair/ Editor Judy Williard created a DVD tracing the history of the chapter, state and international organizations.

Thanks to the generosity of Molly Grogan Rawls, the DVD incorporated vintage photos of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County with background of the chapter founders and the beginning of the chapter in 1939. Following Zeta's founding, the DVD featured the "key women educators" who chartered Eta State in Raleigh in 1934. The historical review ended with the origin of Delta Kappa Gamma by Texas educator Annie Webb-Blanton in 1929.

Each segment of the DKG history was highlighted with events, styles and movies of the decade that marked the rise of influence of the women educators of the time. Music of the era played in the background for the entire sequence of photos marking the evolution of Zeta, Eta State and DKG.

The history was formatted by Candice Back and Robin Hedrick of Salem Funeral and Cremation Services. So where does the television series come in this equation? Judy and Wrenn "pitched" their production to Mr. Chris Runge, Station Manager of Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Schools Cable 2 for a 'summer run.' Chris liked what he saw and agreed to air the Forsyth Key Women Educators Celebrate 75 Years at different times over a two-week period from July 14 to July 28.

Who knows? We may be looking at an Emmy for "Best Documentary of the 75th Anniversary of a Forsyth County DKG Chapter." If not, Zeta, Beta Mu, and Beta Nu members, their family and friends, and anyone else who happened to tune in at the right time enjoyed the saga of DKG in Forsyth, North Carolina, and the United States.



Veda McNair and Celia James of Iota Chapter manned an information booth at the Wayne County Public Schools 2014 Summer Institute. The purpose was to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate women educators. The booth included information and door prizes. Over 250 participants attended the institute that focuses on beginning teachers. Iota Chapter capitalized on this new opportunity to diversify its membership.



## Find it on the Internet

### **Strengthening the Buzz**



https://www.dkg.org/content/ strengthening-buzz-julyaugust-2014

# • The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Submit by November 1, 2014 for the next gallery.

https://www.dkg.org/content/arts-and-humanities-gallery-submission

• Shop AmazonSmile - • Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to DKG Supporting Corporation whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

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• Order Convention Photographs

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• International Speakers Fund

**Brochure**: https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/International%20Speakers%20Fund%202013 0.pdf

**Application**: https://www.dkg.org/content/speaker-application-2014

# Chocolate after lunch!

Water, Water Water, please!

## **Eta State Leaders Provide Training**

The Eta State new leader trainings were held in Goldsboro, Asheboro, and Black Mountain during the month of June. New chapter presidents, treasurers, membership chairs, and EEC chairs from each chapter attended the specialized training. President Patricia Taylor led each group off with a rousing song to get the morning sessions started. After lunch, the attendees divided into training sessions.

At the close of the day, the groups re-gathered for a few words from the appointed board members and to participate in a question and answer session for any topic they wanted to bring before the group. The attendees were asked to post a "WOW" and an "I Wish" to a poster board for review by the presenters.

A few of their comments are presented here for your enjoyment.







Scenic views of the Eta State's new leaders.

4 generations - Great Info!

Loved the modeling on how to do first meeting

Great training!

Great Food!

Wonderful Fellowship!

I have a lot to do!

Needed to be in 2 separate sessions at the same time...

Presidents training CD – will be very helpful ~ very helpful

Need hands on instruction in actual use of websites mentioned.

Kristin Harkins is fantastic! She kept us engaged and taught us babyboomers a lot!,

Ruth Jones was very thorough

- Keep her!

Thank you!

Would like to have copy of Sheila's CD available online.

Good Solid Practical

Did not have time to get bored!

Possibility of having the training over 3 weeks instead of 2.

I loved the enthusiasm of all the speakers and presenters.

That leadership training can be interesting and worth the time!



# International Convention 2014 convenes in Indianapolis

President Patricia Taylor welcomed 23 members of Eta State to the 2014 International Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Delegates from across the world moved into their assigned areas as President Beverly Helms convened the first session of five general sessions to order.

The five-day event included keynote speaker Sarah Sladek, founder and CEO of XYZ University, and author of *The End of Membership as We Know It* and her newly released book, *Knowing Y: Engage the Next Generation Now.* Sladek offered DKG members effective steps in attracting and retaining multigenerational members. This session was live streamed for members not in attendance to view.

Other DKG convention speakers included award-winning expert Ron Rosenberg, who helped attendees double their memory, and Dr. Ellen Kennedy, executive director, World without Genocide, who graphically increased the participants' understanding of devastating effects of human trafficking. NC's own Angie Ruffin, Gamma Lambda Chapter, had the convention audience nearly rolling on the floor with laughter with her dialogue, "Still Teaching After All These Years" and singing her parody about technology, "God Help the Public School."

More than 100 workshops provided participants with cutting edge knowledge on Common Core Standards, classroom strategies, legislative advocacy, technology, leadership, strengthening chapters, secrets of survival, culturally responsive pedagogy, portals of change and much more. NC member Dr. Angela Kern, *Alpha Upsilon Chapter*, presented a session on "The Utilization of Cornetet Professional Development Funds."

Numerous scholarships were awarded, recent doctoral graduates were recognized and three special awards were presented to media outlets for excellence in education reporting. The Indiana State Superintendent of Education was recognized as a *Friend of Education*. Eta State sisters enjoyed many of the recreational sights, museums, and internationally famous eateries while visiting the beautiful city of Indianapolis.

Excerpts in this article taken from the Convention Press Release. https://www.dkg.org/content/press-release



President Pat



Connie Savell jives to Wright Bros. during Indiana Night



Indianapolis businesses welcome DKG



Girls Nite Out at world famous St Elmo Steak House

Courtesy of Photos by Sue



Linda Little & President Pat



First-timer Tobey Worthington with Connie Savell (L) and President Pat (R)



Angie Ruffin Entertains DKG delegates







## International Convention 2014



Becky Sadowski, Southeast Regional Director 2014-2016

International State Organization Representatives



Convention Chorus with NC participants Connie Savell, Pat Taylor, Mary Cauley, Judy Carlson, Linda Little, and Nellie Pruitt



Retiring President Dr. Beverly Helms

Southeast Region State Presidents with Hannah Fowler



Dr. Lyn Schmid International President 2014-2016



Come to Tennessee in 2016!

Dr. Gwen Simmons continued from page 1

Simmons holds the certification of Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP)—the top credential of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Simmons' DKG prior international service includes, but is not limited to—member of *Focus 2000* (an evaluation of the Society at the turn of the 21st Century); chairman of the Constitution Committee; member and chairman of the Membership Committee; a member of the revision team to prepare the revised *2010 Constitution;* and a member of the ad hoc committee to revise the *Society Handbook*, the *2011 Go-To Guide*.

Currently, she is serving her third term as secretary/treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Parliamentarians (NCAP) and her second two-year term as state parliamentarian. Simmons has served her chapter in various roles since becoming a member in 1979, including serving twice as president and several years as yearbook editor and chairman of its rules committee.

Star of the Southeast continued from page 1

The following was read when Lynda was honored:

Referred to as the "gentle giant," this Eta State sister has preferred to keep the details of her service private. She initiated the idea of three sites in North Carolina for the Orientation/Training of Chapter Leadership. She was the first regional director to model a mini-orientation in which chapter presidents gather in regions prior to the statewide training in even-numbered years. She was instrumental in helping to obtain a non-profit mailing status for the state newsletter. While chairman of the state communications committee, she wrote and published, at her own expense, a "how to" communications manual for chapters. As chairman of the state finance committee, her knowledge in financial accounting continues to benefit Eta State. In addition to being recognized with a chapter achievement award for her tireless efforts on the chapter level, she has adopted a family with six children, through her church, and goes above and beyond daily to feed the children after school, help them with their homework, and provide transportation to extra-curricular activities. Eta State Organization is proud to present Lynda Tamblyn as our "Star of the Southeast!"

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## International Convention 2014

### 2014 Convention by the Numbers

- 23 NC delegates traveled to Indianapolis
- 1415 registered delegates
- 17 Countries sent delegates
- \$22,000 collected for the Emergency Fund with \$2,200 collected during the Southeast Regional Breakfast.
- Nearly 400 First-timers, including NC members Susan Kuenzel and Tobey Worthington.
- \$116,804 contributed to Schools for Africa this biennium with nearly 50% of chapters reporting support of SFA. Contributions since the adoption of SFA by DKG in 2010 equal \$222,000.
- 65% of reporting chapters contributed in some way to Supporting Early-Career Educators (SEE) during the biennium, including 52,650 hours given to the cause.



Flags of DKG



Newly Installed 2014-2016 International Administrative Board



Photographer Jim snapped a photo of the NC delegates during a business session break.

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Southeast Regional Director
Southwest Regional Director
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Member-at-Large 2014-18
Area Representative

(Canada) Area Representative (Latin America)

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Becky Sadowski
Beth Schieber
Dr. Beverly Helms
Barbara L. Whiting
Dr. Hannah Fowler
Dr. Donna-Faye Madhosingh

Tamara Flores Hernández

Dr. Gwen Simmons

Contratulations to the 2014-2016 Administrative Board from Eta State members. Thanks to Jean Gray for her leadership in the Society. Enjoy your retirement!





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## DKG@UN Newsletter

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## **Souders Receives 2014 Achievement Award**

By Beverly Helms, Ed.D, International President 2012-2014

Each year The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recognizes one member for distinguished service to the Society. From recommendations submitted by members, chapters or state organizations, the international Executive Board selects a member for this honor.

The symbol of this honor is a gold medallion presented to the recipient. The first medallion for the International Achievement Award was given in 1933 to Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

Dr. Jensi P. Souders, 2010-2012 International President; chair of the 2012-2014 Transition Training Team and the DKG Supporting Corporation Board of Directors; member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board's Performance Appraisal Team is the 82nd recipient of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Achievement Award. The award was presented at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Souders, a member of Alpha Phi Chapter in Tennessee, was initiated in 1975 and is a graduate of the 1988 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. She received an international scholarship in 1994, has held numerous leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels serving as Tennessee state organization president (1995-97), editor (1995-2004), executive secretary (2004-2008), and she received her state organization's Achievement Award in 1998.

On the international level, Souders has served as Member-at- Large (2000-2004), Southeast Regional Director (2006-2008), International First Vice President (2008-2010), and International President (2010-2012). She has also chaired the Research, Communications and Lucile Cornetet Bequest Committee as well as several sub-committees of the Administrative Board and the Educational Foundation. She has also served as Society representative to 45 state organizations.

Souders is recognized as a talented musician, outstanding workshop presenter and exemplary leader. Her award nomination states, "Dr. Jensi Souders is a visionary, mentor and driving force in DKG. This reflective, courageous and open-minded woman has exhibited outstanding leadership skills in five consecutive international positions culminating as 2010-2012 international president. With her vast knowledge of DKG, Jensi becomes a collaborative resource who encourages including younger members and maintaining mature members. She motivates others to take leadership positions and reach their potential. Jensi Souders not only exemplifies DKG leadership, she builds it."

As international president, Souders was instrumental in the adoption of the second DKG international project, Support of Early Career Educators (SEE). She joins other remarkable women educators as a recipient of the highest award presented to a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Helms, Beverly, Ed.D. "Souders Receives 2014 Achievement Award." DKG.org. Retrieved August 10, 2014, from https://www.dkg.org/content/souders-receives-2014-achievement-award



## **Executive Director**

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Application Deadline - March 31, 2015

The Human Resources Committee of the International Administrative Board announces the search for an executive director to be employed at Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas. The committee of the board will review applications in April 2015. The Administrative Board will interview qualified applicants on May 16, 2015. The effective date of employment is September 1, 2015. All interested and qualified members of the organization are encouraged to apply.

The executive director is employed by the Administrative Board and reports to the international president. This position is the manager of Society Headquarters' functions and serves as liaison between the elected officers and the Society Headquarters professional staff. The executive director is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Administrative Board and the International Executive Board. She is a voting member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and DKG Supporting Corporation Board of Directors. The executive director provides strategic management and continuity for the Society's mission performance and goal attainment. This position requires extensive knowledge of the Society, demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills, and ability to provide guidance to Society Headquarters employees.

Minimum qualifications include: active membership in the Society for five years or more; a Master's degree or higher; extensive knowledge of the Society; skills in leadership, management and administration; evidence of skills in writing and public speaking; verifiable leadership experience at the chapter and state organization levels including, but not limited to, participation in state organization conventions, regional conferences and international conventions.

Applications packets are available upon request. The packet includes an application/experience form, position description, qualifications, terms of employment, including salary and related benefits, and the position search timeline.

To request an application packet, call or contact:

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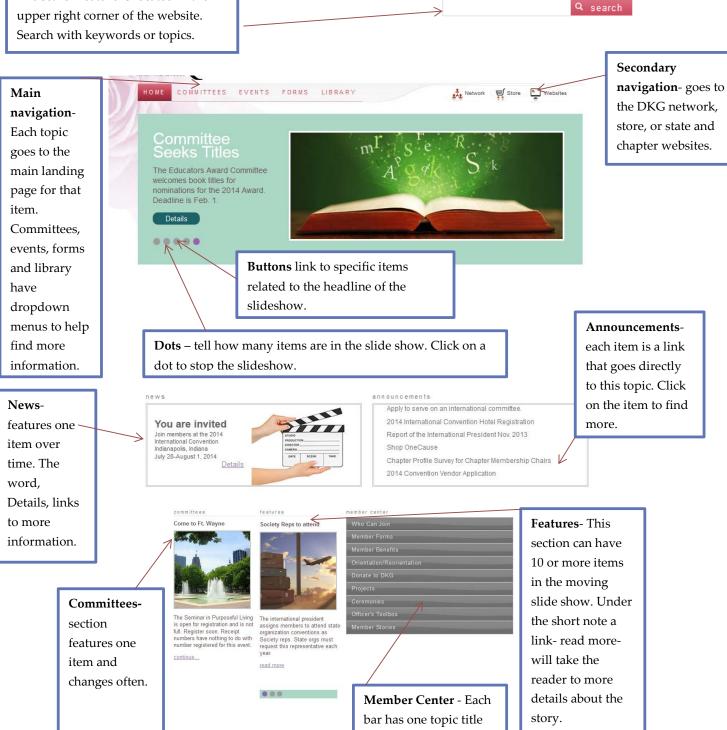
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The search feature is located in the upper right corner of the website. Search with keywords or topics.



and opens to a list of links related to the title.



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Scroll down the page to find more links to areas you might be looking for on the site.

