

# *Delta Gamma News*

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

Delta Gamma Chapter    Region V    Eta State, North Carolina

Durham County, NC

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## *Delta Gamma Presidents' Message*

Dear Delta Gamma Members,

Do you like birthdays? I'm not as into celebrating mine as I used to be. However, I must admit, I would be disappointed if no one remembered mine. My husband jokes that on every April 6, he had better have a candle, a match, and something sweet to stick the candle in, or he's in trouble! My grandson just had his first birthday celebration and he used one of his new words for it, "Whoa!"

When I was small, I just thought about the usual at birthdays – gifts and cake! But as I "mature", I'm reflecting more on birthdays of the past, appreciating my current birthday, and wondering what my birthdays will be like down the road. I think that's how we, as members of Delta Gamma, might look at our society's birthdays.

As I'm sure you know, we have just celebrated Eta State's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 27. Another big birthday comes for us on May 11, 2015, when Delta Kappa Gamma turns 86. In future newsletters, we'll be asking members to look back. In our meetings, I hope we can appreciate each other in the present and the positive things we do. We are a society of leaders and it is your presidents' vision to draw from our chapter's deep well of leadership experience and wisely encourage and invest in future educational leaders of our community, chapter, and society.

We also want to look down the road and use your input as to where you wish our chapter to go. The process began at our first meeting and we will continue to ask your help as we periodically "take our temperature" .

I do have a quote for you that I can really identify with. It is from our Delta Kappa Gamma Founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. She said, " Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don't cling to the world when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you." As my grandson would say, " Whoa!"

Elaine Scagnelli and I are honored to serve you. See you in December!

Co-presidents:

Elaine Russell and Elaine Scagnelli



## Delta Gamma Chapter Minutes

September 13, 2014

Mount Sylvan United Methodist Church

Barbara Fish, Recording Secretary

The Delta Gamma meeting was preceded by the Annual Joint Chapter Meeting. After a welcome by Tracy Bell, Annetta Andrews gave an inspirational reading focused on giving genuine compliments to support meaningful relationships with students and others. Gerry Larson presented information on the nine recipients of teacher grants and introduced two of the winners. Jennifer Allen, an art teacher in the Person County Schools, used her grant to purchase digital cameras for student use in a self-portrait project. Shai Cullop, a language arts teacher at Brogden Middle School, purchased books for a classroom library.

Guest speaker Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State Executive Secretary, listed six tips from Santa for developing leadership and membership growth in chapters. Build a wonderful workshop. Make a list and check it twice. Listen to the elves. Share the milk and cookies. Look beyond the red wagon. Be good for goodness' sake.

Carolyn Vincent, Region V Director, reminded the group that all chapters will be asked to help with the Eta State Convention, which will take place in Chapel Hill on April 24-26, 2015, after which the four chapters retired to separate spaces.

Co-president Elaine Russell presided over the Delta Gamma meeting. She noted the Wow and Wishes poster on the wall, where members can list celebratory and aspirational items for our shared vision. The January 25, 2014 minutes were approved.

Joan East presented the treasurer's report and noted that the chapter will need at least \$800 for four grants to beginning teachers. A question was raised as to who will pay for the state convention. There is a budget in the state organization for convention expenses. More information will be available soon because Joan East will serve as convention treasurer and Judy Jones as convention registrar. A discussion followed as to whether to raise dues in order to cover expenses for co-presidents to attend training sessions, the state convention, etc. A decision on this matter was postponed until next spring.

Nancy Anderson announced that the chapter newsletters will appear in September, November, January, and March. It was suggested that she include a "Please Remember" section to highlight members who are ailing or grieving.

Sandy Poston announced the schedule of chapter meetings for the academic year. She noted that the January 17 meeting will feature a book discussion with Ann Wilder and Gerry Larson, plus a presentation by several members on their hobbies. She also discussed the fact that Claire Hudzinski is working on the chapter website. In order to comply with the state guidelines, each member will have to give permission for more than her name to appear on the state website. It was decided that no chapter member's personal information will be included on the state website, only her name. Nancy Anderson will send part of the newsletter to the state – minutes, treasurer's report, and program information – and members' personal news will be sent only to the membership.

Gerry Larson gave an update on the Schools for Africa project. In conjunction with UNICEF, more than 1000 schools in 13 countries received aid from this project. We are again being asked to fill Thirsty for Knowledge bottles with money and bring it to the January meeting. The chapter raised \$400 last year.

Elaine Russell discussed the importance of each member completing the Member Profile Sheet and turning them in to her.

Judy Jones suggested that the chapter create a scrapbook for certificates and other items to be kept for the long term. Kim May will create the scrapbook, with Gerry Larson's help.

Theresa Wahome-Tate reminded members to keep track of hours spent on supporting beginning teachers. The Educational Excellence Committee is collecting this information.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 1, at the West End Community Center, where we will learn about the Rebound program for suspended students.

# *DKG 85 Years Strong!*



**Delta Kappa Gamma was founded May 11, 1929. This year we are celebrating the 85th birthday! To see pictures of these early founders and their interests and accomplishments, click on the internet link listed below or copy and paste into your web browser:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr9DvUxWdkY>

***DKG***

***Founder***

***Fun***

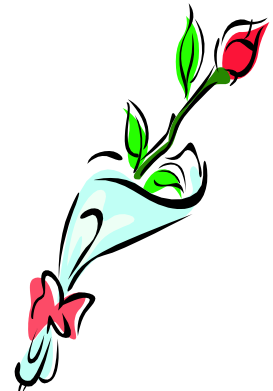
***Facts!***

DKG is a combination of the initial letters of three Greek words: "didascotiki" which means "teachers", "kleidouchi" which means "key" and "gynaikes" which means "women".

Did you know that one of the DKG Founders...

- \* collected folk ballads with her husband - Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax
- \* was petite, fashion-conscious and loved color and fun - Dr. Cora M. Martin
- \* taught Will Rogers and was an early advocate for Women's Rights - Mrs. Lalla M. Odom
- \* was the 1st woman elected to statewide office in Texas- Dr. Annie Webb Blanton
- \* believed that "idea + vision+faith+work= magic"- Miss Ray King
- \* loved poetry and was a teller of original stories- Dr. Anna Hiss
- \* brought laughter into any room she entered -Miss Mamie Sue Bastian
- \* organized Beta Chapter in San Antonio only two months after DKG's founding -Miss Ruby Cole
- \* was rated "Outstanding Teacher" by her students - Miss Mabel Grizzard
- \* died less than 1 year after the Society was organized - Miss Sue King
- \* believed that our Society could lessen factors that threaten our children - Dr. Helen Koch
- \* was a great listener who " welcomed differences in opinion, honored each person's view point, took time to analyze a speaker's remarks" - Miss Lela Lee Williams

Elaine Russell Co-President



**Did you know these interesting facts about our founder, Annie Webb Blanton?**

She had a twin sister who died when they were twelve.

After high school she taught in a one room school house and then in high school.

While teaching high school in Austin Texas, she worked toward her BA at the University of Texas. It took her nine years to earn her BA.

She earned her doctorate from Cornell in rural education and sociology then returned in 1927 to teach at the University of Texas.

She was the first woman to be elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

The Texas State Woman Suffrage Association sponsored her candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction which she won in 1918 . She was the first woman elected to public office in Texas.

With 11 of her friends, she founded DKG in 1929. Twelve years later the Society had expanded to 35 states and 80 chapters....and the rest is history of which we are a part.



**Annie Webb Blanton**

**Our own Delta Gamma Members and the decades of membership... from Elaine Russell:**

- 1960's
- Hazel Lamm
- 1970's
- Sue Miller  
Suzanne Payne  
Elaine Scagnelli  
Charlotter Speltz  
Sandy Thurmond  
Jean Waldo  
Ann Wilder

- 1980's
- Nancy Anderson  
Mary Ann Brown  
Joan East  
Betsy Feifs  
Barbara Fish  
Dorothy Graham  
Judy Jones  
Gerry Larson  
Bet Lawson  
Rita MacMillan  
Suzanne Payne  
Sue Preston
- 1990's
- Beth Cross  
Dee Gidney  
Kim Mayo  
Sandy Preston  
Theresa Wahome-Tate

- 2000 to present
- Delores Ali  
Nancy Lynne Anderson  
Christie Bass  
Michelle Clement  
Mary Fletcher  
Mary Foster  
Claire Hudzinski  
Mallory Mbalia  
Frances Patterson  
Elaine Russell  
Doris Schomberg  
Nancy Swanek  
Celeste Turner

**Remember When?** If we each share our favorite memory of DKG in a sentence or two, our next newsletter will be a gift for the holidays !

For our next newsletter !!



# *Eta State 80 Year Celebration this year!*

**Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday , Eta State!** Yes, On October 27, 1934 twelve recognized women leaders in education founded the first chapter in North Carolina. Eta State membership is now over 4,500 with 104 Eta State Chapters. Just think of the impact key women educators have made in the lives of North Carolina students over the last 80 years.

To see pictures of these early founders and their interests and accomplishments, click on the internet link listed below or copy and paste into your web browser:

<http://youtu.be/DKMvWUh-PQg>

*Eta  
State  
Founder  
Fun  
Facts!*

## **Did you know that one of Eta State's Founders...**

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|--|-------------------|
| ✓ was the first Eta State President  | Nora E. Beust     |
| ✓ was the first Treasurer of Eta State   | Lucille Turner    |
| ✓ was in demand as a speaker for many organizations  | Mary Reade Smith  |
| ✓ was the first woman Professor of Education at UNC  | Sallie B. Marks   |
| ✓ received the 1 <sup>st</sup> honorary degree ever awarded to a woman                                   | Hattie S. Parrott |
| ✓ liked to ride horseback and drive a Model T Ford   | Ruby Siske Gouge  |
| ✓ was head of the English Department at Durham High<br>and Rogers-Herr Junior High School bears her name | Marguerite Herr   |
| ✓ was a founder for 2 states - N.C. and Georgia  | Mildred English   |
| ✓ taught at the N.C. College For Women (UNC-Greensboro)  | Ruth Fitzgerald   |
| ✓ held a Master's degree from Duke University  | Ione H. Dunn      |
| ✓ wrote books on school administration and supervision   | Nancy Devers      |
| ✓ taught in one-room rural mountain schools and was one<br>of the first 12 women enrolled at UNC         | Cordelia Camp     |



# Patricia Taylor

Eta State Organization  
President  
2013-2015



President's Theme:

***“ Together We Are  
Stronger --***

***Committing,***

***Collaborating,***

***Celebrating!”***

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## Message in ETA STATE NEWS

For the past two weeks, I have been traveling throughout the western part of the state; visiting chapters and viewing the trees along the way as they begin to turn colors for the Fall. Each tree is unique and though I am unable to see each leaf, I know they are all different. They work together for a magnificent outcome! Each member in each chapter in Eta State is much like the leaves on the trees. Each is unique and adds an important part to the final outcome of a chapter and state's vision. Watching visions come to life is much like watching the trees turn colors each Fall. Each member contributes to the spectacular view!

It is staggering to think of the many types of women educators who choose to accept the invitation to membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. The Society encompasses women educators from all over the world! Each member brings something to the table to add color and vibrancy to the success of the Society!

It has been a pleasure watching chapters bring new members into the chapters, implement chapter projects, celebrate members' accomplishments, present programs of interest to each member, include "hands on" programs, support beginning teachers and each other, use voices of influence with legislators, mentor and support future leaders, enjoy each others' company in and outside of chapter meetings, offer scholarships and grant-in-aids of all kinds, celebrate the accomplishments of the chapter as a whole, and support students and women educators worldwide. These are only a few of the colors that make up the spectacular picture in Eta State!

On October 27th, Eta State will officially celebrate 80 years of working together to promote and empower women educators and excellence in education. Our founders used their voices of influence to create our state organization! Each member has a "voice of influence" that "empowers fellow women educators." Each time these voices, skills, and knowledge are shared, Eta State and the Society become stronger! When these elements come together, the VIEW (Voice of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators) becomes spectacular and the roots grow strong! I hope that as we work together to accomplish the goals of our chapters and our state that we can always remember to take time to enjoy the VIEW of Eta State and the Society as a whole! It is an awesome sight!





# Delta Gamma Chapter Programs and Calendar 2014 -2015

**Event: Saturday, December 6, 2014      Our Next Meeting !!**

**Brief Chapter Meeting**

**Book Harvest Program, and Annual Holiday Brunch**

Date:        Saturday, December 6, 2014

Time:        9:15 – 11:00 AM

Location:   BookHarvest

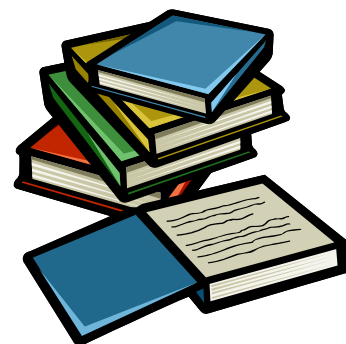
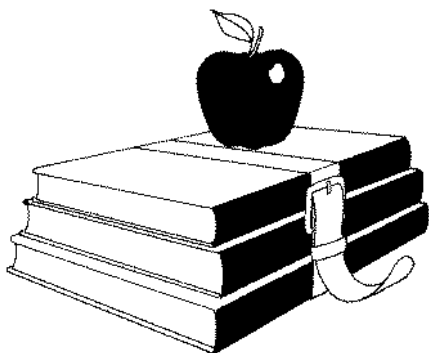
Our guest speaker, Ginger Young, is founder of Book Harvest, a non-profit organization with the goal of putting books in the hands of children who need them the most. Ms. Young considers herself one of the “lucky ones” growing up because she had books of her own; she was a regular at the library; she loved to read ~ and still does. Yet it worries her that “more than half of America's low-income kids own not a single book.” She continues, “I cannot imagine being a child without books to call her very own. I founded ***Book Harvest*** because I believe we can change the bookless reality that so many of our kids face.”

For additional information and inspiration, check out the website:

<http://www.bookharvestnc.org>

Note: Bring a friend or come alone as we spend time together. Bring gently used children’s books to be given to children served by Book Harvest.

**RSVP to Sandy Poston by November 25th.**





***“ Together We Are Stronger --Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating”***

**Amazon Smile** (smile.amazon.com) shopping here gives a donation of 0.5% to the DKG Supporting Corporation!

What does this DKG Supporting Corporation do?

Gives Scholarships

Supports World Fellowships

Supports Emergency Funds

Golden Gift Fund International  
Leadership Management Seminar

Educators Award

International Speakers Fund

Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund

Loretta Halek Memorial Fund

\*\* Go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and click on the *AmazonSmile* “Get Started” button in the Features section.

\*\* Ask Elaine Russell about this. She uses it.

## ***“Wanted”***

### **Eta State Convention Breakout Session Presenters**

Eta State members are invited to submit breakout session proposals for the 2015 Eta State Convention being held April 25 at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill.

The theme will be ***“Dare to Lead”***.

Sessions will focus on four strands:

\* ***Technology***

\* ***Teaching & Learning***

\* ***Personal Growth***

\* ***DKG Society***

A proposal form is posted on our Eta State website at :

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

Forms should be submitted by January 25, 2015.  
For more information, please contact:

Sheila Groves



## **Deadline for Dues is October 31<sup>st</sup>**



As of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have not heard from 11 members. Sadly, your membership has to be dropped when dues are not paid. If sending in your check has not yet been crossed off your “To Do” list, please email Joan and let her know your intention.

Active Dues \$79.00, Reserve Dues \$34.00



## Announcements of Importance!

Have you signed your pledge yet?

### What is the 100 Challenge?

The Educational Foundation invites you to participate in an event to help Launch A Dream, offering boundless benefits to educators.

Each region in Eta State is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each. These pledges can come from individuals or chapters. Chapter presidents will collect pledge cards and send them to Regional Directors. No money will be collected at this time.

Pledges give the Foundation a way to project the amount of money that may be donated when contributions begin. Money will be collected after IRS approval of tax deductible status and following ratification of the Foundation Enabling Act by the Eta State membership.



**Educational Foundation Board of Directors**

Seated (l-r) Patricia Taylor, Dr. Judith Carlson,  
Row 2: Dr. Barbara Leonard, Dr. Patricia Woods, Dr. Mary Cauley,  
Dr. Suzanne Irwin, Moirne McCall  
Row 3: Louise Lorrick, Connie Savell, Betty Marshall

### Launching A Dream PLEDGE FORM

#### The 100 Challenge—Launching A Dream

Your pledge of \$10 will advance the work of the Foundation, supporting education and educators.

Please give pledges to your chapter president or Regional Director before March 15, 2015.

DO NOT send money at this time.

Yes, I want to help Launch A Dream

\_\_\_ with a pledge of \$10

\_\_\_ with a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in amount)

Submit a separate form for each Pledge.

You may duplicate this form as needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

DKG Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_

Each Regional Director will collect forms from her region and send them to Connie Savell, Eta State Second Vice-President, by March 15, 2015.

You will be contacted later with information about making your tax deductible contribution. Thank you!

If you have questions please contact a member of the Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

#### Professional Development



#### How will contributions be used?



#### Classroom and Chapter Projects



#### Personal Growth



#### Civic Engagement

#### Research



Visit the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* Web site at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

Visit our NC Eta State website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/NC](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC)

**Eta State News is now online in full color! Find it online at:**

**<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFall2014.pdf>**

## Announcements from Eta State:

[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC)

***Eta State Convention*** in Chapel Hill, NC

**April 24-26, 2015**, Chapel Hill, NC

**Sheraton Hotel**  
**One Europa Drive**  
**Chapel Hill, NC 27517**

**Hosted by Region V Chapters**

**Southeast Regional Convention**

**July 15-18, 2015**, Savannah, GA

**Westin Harbor Resort**, Savannah, GA

**Eta State Convention 2016**

**April 22-24, 2016**

**Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)**

**DKG International Convention**

**July 5-9, 2016**

**Gaylord Opryland Resort**, Nashville, TN

***THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL***

# Member News ...

## Betsy Feifs

From a super fall trip to Brandywine Museum, Winterthur( and The Downton Abbey Costume Exhibit), and, pictured here, Longwood Gardens !

### *Retirement is The Best!*

Claudia and Harrison were very busy , yesterday, playing with the dollhouse I bought at Nearly New, where I volunteer on Thursdays. Chris gave me new furnishings for it last Christmas. I finally found an all white three generation family of bendable dolls. Claudia is examining them. There is a little girl and her red headed older brother.

It was music to my ears when Harrison asked " Nana can We please play with the doll house ?" I have so looked forward to their playing with this! Helmut has promised to help me re-wallpaper the rooms and I have the paper but we have not had the time . We will after our next couple of trips.

## Betsy Feifs

Doris and Dave Schomberg celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary along with friends and family under a big tent at their farm on September 27.

The celebration was complete with a video of the original ceremony ... thanks to the Andersons who managed to take the audio recording from an "old"(50 year old) 78 record and pictures from the wedding album to make a DVD of the wedding ceremony.

Nancy and Nels Anderson were graduate school friends of the Schombergs at Purdue University and influenced them to come live in NC some 47 years ago! Good influence!

## Doris Schomberg

*Happy Anniversary to a great couple!*

## Elaine Scagnelli

While most of you were at the Sept DKG meeting, Chuck and I were visiting family in Boston then cruising into Canada. In Boston we visited the USS Constitution and in Nova Scotia we enjoyed scenic lighthouses.



### **New, Easy to Use Video Editing Software and Free Workshop may be of interest?**

“Bogart for Windows” a PC based version of the editing software that we use on our stand-a-lone editors! We are excited since this will give users a very easy editing program for their PC computers! Perhaps our Delta Gamma friends would like a free workshop on how to use it for personal video editing? Runs on Vista, Win 7, Win 8.xx.

The FREE DEMO version will be available soon, perhaps we could have a Saturday workshop at our country classroom to place the software on your PC computer and a session on “*How to Edit Your Home Videos*”....

If interested, let us know.

(nancy@ilsvideo.com) 1-800-221-6322

*Technology for our members !*

*“Learn by Doing It Yourself”*



# Member News ...

Our recent 15 day trip through the New England states was wonderful - especially for someone who had barely been above the Mason-Dixon line. We were able to visit Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord and Lexington, Walden Pond , Harvard and Cambridge, MIT, and Boston. In Maine, we loved Kennebunkport, the Cliff Walk, spied on the Bush Compound from afar, and stayed at a wonderful B&B in Naples at Lake Sebago. On to New Hampshire, through the White Mountains ( I learned that The Old Man of the Mountain has lost his face!) where we stayed at The Mount Washington Inn and even went on a canopy tour and zip lined. It might not have been very graceful, but we did it and loved it! In Vermont, we stayed in St. Johnsbury at another great B&B and went on a tasting tour through the Maple Museum and Cabot Cheese Creamery. Yum! Of course, we visited the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory and on to Connecticut, to Dinosaur State Park and Mystic. Oh, yes, we had pizza. Rhode Island was next for Newport, some cormorants, the mansions, and some sailing. Then back through Massachusetts for Sandwich/Cape Cod, Hyannis, and Plimouth Plantation.\*(this is correct!) Whew! I get tired again just reading this-but we had a great time.

Elaine Russell



# Member News ...

## Special Note from Bet Lawson !

Thanks to all of you who sent cards and emails to wish me a happy birthday. What a warm feeling I got hearing from so many of you. Thanks.

Life in the Lawson household in Arlington clicks along. The children are happy in their school situations. Sadie will be three soon and goes to preschool three mornings a week. We are planning a Minnie Mouse tea party for her birthday. Her godmother is her teacher so they have been buddies for awhile. Cooper is a first grader and Booker is in kindergarten. I went in and read to Cooper's class yesterday and Dewey went this morning with Cooper's class to visit a Colonial Farm with all of the Nottingham Elementary first graders. A good time was had by all, according to Granddad. Now we both need to make arrangements to go in to Booker's class .

Neal has hired a nanny but we are still needed here. Neal has three work related trips planned in the next few weeks, weekend activities for different subgroups of the family, and Neal, having any opportunity to get together with his friends, are all reasons for us to remain here longer. Any time we go away for a day or two the children want us to assure them that we are coming back. All of the family needs our emotional support... so we don't know what the future holds. Hearing from Durham folks occasionally is something Dewey and I both enjoy.

One thing I am dreading is the thought of snow. Jenn died the end of Feb. last winter and we had so many snowfalls ... which I did not enjoy. Keep your fingers crossed.

I wish you all a pleasant fall and a happy , meaningful holiday season.

Fondly , Bet  
Sent from my iPad

*Delta Gamma members care !!*

Greetings, ladies! Ann Wilder and I met, and we'd like to recommend the following book for our Jan. 17 Book discussion. Thanks for letting folks know what we'll be discussing so they can arrange to get the title via the public library, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Regulator - wherever! Thanks for your helpful suggestions that got us looking at outstanding nonfiction works on teaching education. **Gerry Larson**

ARTICLE:

JOIN OUR Jan. 17 BOOK DISCUSSION:

**"Getting Schooled: The Reeducation of an American Teacher"** by Garret Keizer  
Metropolitan Books, 2014.

Author/teacher Garret Keizer returns for a year to his teaching job in the rural Vermont high school where he once taught, 14 years ago. With eloquence, insight, anecdotes, humor and outrage, his observations and perceptions highlight the differences, complexities, and challenges of teaching in America today. We'll have lots to talk about!

You can find a few copies of "Getting Schooled" at the Durham Public Library or order a copy (electronic or print) from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, the Regulator, etc/