Delta Gamma News

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Delta Gamma Presidents' Message

Dear Delta Gamma members,

For educators the beginning of the year means the beginning of the school year. Yes, January 1 is the beginning of the Gregorian calendar, but we all know that the academic calendar marks the beginning of our new year for us. It's a time of great expectation, excitement, new students and perhaps a new teaching assignment.

Our participation in Delta Kappa Gamma can be a source of energy for our commitment to our calling as teachers, media specialists, counselors, and administrators - all kinds of educators including those who have retired. Our State President, Pat Taylor, says that Eta State's continuing theme this year is

"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."

In the months ahead we will together have the opportunity to carry out this theme in our chapter meetings, in awarding teacher grants, and in hosting our State Convention. If you haven't yet received our chapter's program of events, you soon will. These chapter meetings will be a source of growing together spiritually and professionally.

The Teacher grants give us an opportunity to support and encourage beginning teachers in a time that teacher morale could use a much needed lift.

The Eta State Convention will be in Chapel Hill this spring. Be sure that April 24-26 is clearly marked on your calendar because all the members of our chapter will be involved in planning and helping during the convention. Yes, our Region 5 is hosting the state convention and we will work hard to make it an inspirational growth experience for us as well as all DKG members across the state. More about this later.

Elaine Russell and I, co-presidents of Delta Gamma Chapter, look forward to working with you for the next two years as we grow together in the ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Elaine Scagnelli, Co-president of Delta Gamma Chapter

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Through the year, we hope you'll make an effort to attend meetings, contribute to our charitable projects, and invite a friend to one of our programs!

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Event: Saturday, September 13, 2014

Annual Joint Meeting of Beta Iota, Beta Kappa, Delta Gamma, and Eta Chapters

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM Chapter meetings will follow joint meeting

Location: Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church

5731 North Roxboro Rd. Durham, NC 27712

"Together We Are Stronger ~ Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"

Following a light breakfast, we will enjoy our guest speaker Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State's Executive Secretary. We will also have an opportunity to meet and greet the

Beginning Teacher Grant recipients for 2013 - 2014. Collection boxes will be available for donations of school supplies for Person County Schools (paper, pencils, crayons, pens, etc.). To support Mt. Sylvan's "Eno Valley School Backpack Program", we are also asked to bring some single-servings of the following foods (vegetables, fruit, soups, stew, breakfast bars, canned meat and fish, noodles and instant pastas, juice boxes, individually wrapped healthy snacks like Goldfish, raisins, and shelf-stable chocolate milk. In addition, gallon-sized zip-lock bags for the backpack program would be greatly appreciated.

Please RSVP to Elaine Russell or Elaine Scagnelli by September 10. Bring \$5 for breakfast or mail check to Joan East @315 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill 27514

As part of our chapter meeting, Committee Chairman will be reporting to us.

- Theresa Wahome -Tate & Gerry Larson ~Educational Excellence & Schools For Africa
- Sandy Poston ~ Programs Hobby Share & Book Talk by Gerry Larson and Ann Wilder
- Mary Fletcher ~ Membership -updating member profile information

Don't forget to pick up your *Thirsty for Knowledg*e collection bottles before you leave.

Plan to pay your dues early: \$79 for Active members; \$34 for Reserve members. Contributions for Teacher Grants may be included with your dues or paid separately. Please make checks payable to Delta Gamma Chapter and give or mail (address above) to Joan East by **October 31**.

Event: Saturday, November 1, 2014

Chapter Meeting and Program: Rebound: Alternatives for Youth

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2014

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Location: West End Community Teen Center

705 Kent Street Durham, NC 27701

We will meet with Lizzie Ellis-Furlong and Pam Gray, co-chairs of *Rebound: Alternatives for Youth* which provides all-day instruction and activities for students on suspension. This successful plan of action to help Durham's youth was piloted last year at Jordan High School. The program succeeded at providing strengths-focused interventions for youth on short-term suspension in Durham. Overall, Rebound provided over 290 hours of direct support to students on 21 suspensions.

Find time to view their website:

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http://www.reboundnc.org

Please invite a friend to join us! Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP to Sandy Poston by Oct. 24 sgw52po@gmail.com



Event: Saturday, December 6, 2014

Brief Chapter Meeting

Book Harvest Program, and Annual Holiday Brunch

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014

Time: 9:15 - 11:00 AM

Location: Location to be announced.

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."

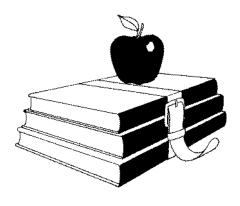
For additional information and inspiration, check out the website:

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.

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Event: Saturday, January 17, 2015

Chapter Meeting, Hobby Share and Book Discussion

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Croasdaile Retirement Home (Croasdaile Village),

2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Durham, NC 27707

Several members will share their hobbies (5-7 min.each).

Our Membership chairperson, Mary Fletcher will share information about our recruitment of new members. The deadline for recommendations of potential new members is **February 28, 2015**.

Delta Gamma members Gerry Larson and Ann Wilder, will [again] lead us in a book discussion. A title has not been selected at this time; more information to follow.

Once again Croasdaile Village has opened its doors for us to meet in their beautiful facility. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Elaine Scagnelli by January 10, 2015!

Event: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Durham Performing Arts Center Tour & Lunch in Downtown Durham

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Durham Performing Arts Center, 123 Vivian St. Durham, NC 27701; Located in

the American Tobacco Historic District next to the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

We will be treated to a 40-minute, behind-the-scenes tour of Durham's Performing Arts Center, led by Peter Holsapple, Management Assistant, at the center. Highlights include seeing the view of the stage from all levels of the theater, a memorable walk across the Mildred & Dillard Teer Stage, and city views from the BlueCross BlueShield Atrium lobby. We will also go backstage and see where the stars prepare for their performances. As part of a brief chapter meeting, we will vote on new members. Lunch downtown will follow. For more information and a 7-slide photo tour, search:

http://www.dpacnc.org

RSVP to Sandy Poston by February 27, 2015 sgw52po@gmail.com

Event: Joint Chapter New Member Orientation

Date: TBA, usually mid-March

Time: TBA Location: TBA

Event: Eta State Convention Hosted by Region V

Date: April 24-26, 2015

Location: Sheraton Hotel, One Europa Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Theme: "Dare to Lead"

** Lots more information to come!

Event: Initiation Ceremony and Brunch

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015

Time: TBA Location: TBA

Event: Meet the Lemurs Tour

Get to know our old and new members and their families!

Evaluation of Our Year

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2015 Time: 9:30 -11:00 AM (tour).

A picnic lunch on the patio may be added to this event.

Location: Duke Lemur Center, 3705 Erwin Rd., Durham, NC 27715

During "The Lemurs Live!" guided tour we will learn about the similarities and differences between lemur species and what makes lemurs such fascinating animals. What a great opportunity to learn along with our children, grandkids and friends old and new! We will donate enrichment items for the lemurs. To learn more about the lemurs and the history of this center, or to check out their "enrichment drive wish list" visit:

http://lemur.duke.edu

Deadline for RSVP to Sandy Poston is May 1, 2015 to reserve a time and qualify for discounts.

Something to view before our Lemur Tour!

'Island of Lemurs: Madagascar': Documenting the Endangered Species in 3D IMAX

Updated On: 04/25/14 12:04:55 PM

By: John Merli

Looking as plush and animated in real life as any computer-generated confection, the lemurs of Madagascar inhabit IMAX theaters in April. The Warner Bros./IMAX Entertainment coproduction *Island of Lemurs: Madagascar*, narrated by Morgan Freeman, arrives at a crucial time for the primates, whose long-term survival is threatened on several fronts.

http://IslandOfLemurs.IMAX.com/

When the DVD is released, we could have a *Lemur Documentary Party* in our office in Hillsborough. It surely will be released before our June 13 tour!! Will keep you updated!!

Nancy Anderson

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IMAX Theater in Raleigh at Marbles did have the documentary playing through Sept. 11..may not be available now...

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New Initiates 2014! Eta, Beta Kappa, Delta Gamma



Thanks to Gerry Larson for picture and information.

"2014 4-Chapter Initiates" Left to right:

Charity Uzeowulu (Eta), Rebeka Haithcock (Eta), Pamela Cameron (Eta), Vanessa Calhoun (Eta), Michelle Tuck Thomas (Beta Kappa), Michelle Tucker Furges (Beta Kappa), Delores Ali (Delta Gamma), Dr. H. Celeste Turner (Delta Gamma)







Meet our NEW Delta Gamma MEMBERS!!



Dr. Celeste Turner

Delores Ali

KEY

Dr. H. Celeste Turner

Dr. Turner is a career educator from the state of North Carolina. With more than twenty years of professional experience, she has been a middle school teacher, high school administrator, curriculum and instruction director and adjunct professor during her career.

Celeste possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of teacher coaching and mentoring that she is excited to share. Celeste is also active in the Raleigh community.

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Delores P. Ali

Delores Ali has been an educator for more than twenty years. She has served as a career and technical education teacher, career development coordinator and state-level education consultant.

She currently manages state-wide curriculum and monitors accountability standards in the area of Marketing and Entrepreneurship for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. She has served in a variety of state and national leadership roles and has been the recipient of a variety of educationrelated awards and received recognition for her services in the field.

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"Together We Are Stronger --Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating"

Delta Gamma Received Awards at ETA State Convention

Delta Gamma received the

Distinctive Achievement Award at the ETA State 2014 Convention.

Congratulations for a job well done!



Successful leaders cannot work in isolation. "Unity is strength . . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." ~Mattie Stepanek

Leroy, the Leadership Guy



Award in 2014...Thank you to all who contribute!!

Update on "Thirsty for Knowledge" Project

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International joined with UNICEF in the Schools for Africa Project. Delta Gamma supported this project with our

"Thirsty for Knowledge" donation bottles.

UNICEF letter: March 26, 2014

Thank you for your thoughtful contribution of \$400.00 to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, processed on Friday, March 21, 2014, to support UNICEF's Schools for Africa program.

The U.S.Fund for UNICEF thanks members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for supporting our humanitarian work on behalf of the children of Africa to increase access to quality basic education. Every child has the right to an education. It changes lives and breaks the cycle of poverty that traps so many. UNICEF works tirelessly to ensure that every child--regardless of gender, ethnicity or circumstances--has access to quality education.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in 190 countries to save and improve children's lives, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and more. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy, and education in the United States. Together, we are working toward the day when every child has a safe and healthy childhood.

UNICEF fights for the survival and development of all children, in all situations, all of the time. There has been substantial progress: the annual number of under-five deaths dropped from 13 million in 1990 to 8.8 million in 2008. But still, 18,000 children die each day from preventable causes. Our mission is to do whateverr it takes to make that number ZERO.

Once again, please accept our most sincere thanks for helping UNICEF ensure access to basic education for all children through the Schools for Africa program and for sharing in our mission to do whatever it takes to save a child.

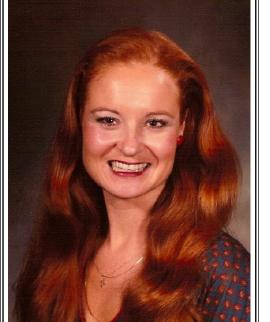
Caryl M. Stern, President and CEO UNICEF, United States Fund

40th. Year of Teaching! "Delta Gamma Strong"!!

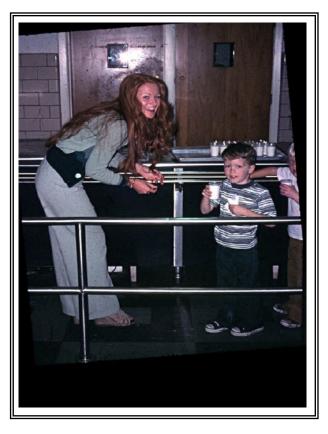
Congratulations to one of our very talented Delta Gamma members! Her enthusiasm for teaching has not waned as she starts her 40th. year of teaching in an elementary school. Here is what she says about starting the first day of school this year!

"Today is the first day of a brand new year with infinite possibilities! I am so excited to be starting my 40th year in the classroom with a bunch of eager 4th graders. It's hard to describe the anticipation and the enthusiasm that I have for the coming year. Wishing all of my educator friends the best of luck and so proud to be a part of the ranks of dedicated educators everywhere!"









What precious memories of an awesome teacher who loved her students so much and they just thought she "hung the moon" along with their families!!

Sandy you are an awesome teacher. My children got a start when they were in your class. You are a beautiful lady inside and out. Carry on the good work!!!

So very thankful that you were a part of my children's education!

Oh how I wish my daughter would have such a special kindergarten teacher as sweet as you were to me!

(Quotes from parents and students via FB)



TAR HEEL TEACHERS NAMED PBS LEARNINGMEDIA DIGITAL INNOVATORS!

Three of our state's teachers join the ranks of the prestigious 2014 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators, a yearlong professional development program designed to mobilize—and reward—techsavvy K-12 educators who embrace digital learning. This group of 100 top teachers serves as ambassadors for integrating best practices in digital learning all across the country's classrooms.

Congratulations to:

- 2014 Lead PBS Digital Innovator—Mig Hays, Teacher/Media Specialist at Carolina Friends School, Durham
- 2014 PBS Digital Innovator—Jason Lineberger, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator at Cleveland County Schools, Shelby
- 2013 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator—Mallory Mbalia, former elementary teacher at Sandy Ridge and Powell Elementary School, Raleigh

Visit unctv.pbslearningmedia.org for more information about PBS



Mallory Mbalia, Delta Gamma Initiate on May 5, 2012. Congratulations to Mallory for her outstanding accomplishments as a model

"LearningMedia Digital Innovator".

Nova Scotia was the destination of our summer Adventure. We went with Caravan Tours to all three of the maritime provinces and loved them all and the trip! Soon we will head for a visit to our eldest son, Jonathan, his wife Stephanie and two-year old, Charlotte, in Seattle. Throughout the summer we have spent time with our son Tim's family in Greensboro which includes three year-old Harrison and 20 month-old Claudia. Our UNC lacrosse Coach/Offensive Coordinator son, Chris, is a weekly dinner guest over here-we love all of the scoop on UNC. Yes, we even have to occasionally wear that other blue to their lacrosse games! Helmuts and I have become charter members of Eno Regulators 1505, an historic preservation organization in Hillsborough, where we attend St. Matthew's Church. Organizational meetings of Eno regulators have occupied many Sunday afternoons. We hope the chapter to be fully up and running by spring. If any DKGs are interested in this group and their work please email me! I can report good news on my scans and check-ups at UNC cancer hospital! Much-not all-of my energy and stamina is back. Water aerobics at The Duke Fitness Center helps build all of that.

Betsy Feifs



Throughout the summer we have spent time with our son Tim's family in Greensboro.

Our grandchildren in Greensboro, Claudia Mae(22 months) and Harrison(3 and a half), love to visit The Science Center in Greensboro!















Our blended family has enjoyed the weeklong summer tradition of renting an oceanfront beach house at Emerald Isle big enough for immediate family and their loved ones or friends for many years now. Here are some pictures from this year's gathering of the Russell/Bowers and Brown families.

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Dear Delta Gamma Friends,

My thanks to all of you for your expressions of support to me while I have been undergoing chemo and radiation therapy. I know many of you have faced similar challenges. I hope you have felt supported by friends and family just as I have.

Your courage and "grace under fire" continue to encourage and inspire me. By mid-December, I hope to be finished with all my treatment and that the unpleasant aspects become a distant memory. Gratitude to you for your thoughtfulness and prayers will remain constant!

At the end of July, my children and grandchildren joined me for a week at Ocean Isle Beach. I asked them to demonstrate their "solidarity" by wearing a North Carolina State Parks "Year of the Lepidoptera" bandana. I am pleased to share our family photo. I now have many bandanas but the butterfly bandana has to be my favorite.

Despite the discomfort and anxiety that have accompanied my diagnosis and treatment, there have been many happy moments such as our week at the beach and the ongoing support I feel from you, my Delta Gamma friends.

To all of you, may 2014-2015 be a year to celebrate and cherish!

With gratitude, Zebra Swallowtall

NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS

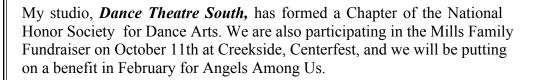
Dorothy Graham



Charlotte and John Speltz spent the summer in Winona, MN, where she had taught at Winona State University and John had lived all his life. Besides wonderful visits with John's family--including three grandchildren--and many friends, they attended numerous productions of "Hamlet", "The Merry Wives of Windsor", and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" at the Great River Shakespeare Festival. They gave scholarships to two apprentices who acted in "Troilus and Cassida", and were glad to get to know them personally.

The Minnesota Beethoven Festival, with eight performances, and the Minnesota Marine Art Museum were also main attractions. Their rented house was in the center of town, they could walk everywhere, and the cool weather made sitting on the front porch especially enjoyable. They returned to Apex with many memories in early September.

Charlotte Speltz



Thanks!

Claire P. Hudzinski

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hi Nancy. I finally moved to the mountains. We have boxes all over the house. I have no news other than I am on my way to New York to visit my sisters. One flew in from Las Vegas for a visit. My other sister is ill. The boxes will have to wait.:)

I am looking forward to your newsletter. Mary Fletcher





.We're back from our Michigan cabin after 4 lovely weeks of waterfall exploring, hiking, canoeing and enjoying sunsets overlooking 7 sq. mile Lake Michigamme. Ray and I took a trip to Vietnam & Cambodia in March, so I'm attaching a couple of pictures for the newsletter. Here is some info. to go with the pix. Thanks for continuing as editor!!! Gerry

In March, Ray and I took a fascinating and rather haunting tour of Vietnam and Cambodia. We met up with our daughter, Claire, who was just finishing an internal medical residency in Beijing. We visited the magnificent Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia, took a boat trip past floating markets on the Mekong River, and toured Vietnam locations with poignant, historic familiarity - Hanoi, DaNang, Hue, Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), and the CuChi tunnels, where Viet Cong had lived in hiding as they launched guerrilla attacks on American forces. The attached photos include one of the massive temple towers of UNESCO World Heritage site, Angkor Wat, and the imposing tomb of Ho Chi Minh (enshrined inside) located in Hanoi.

Gerry Larson





Announcements of Importance!



Announcements from Eta State: 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

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

Visit the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* Web site at www.dkg.org.

Visit our NC Eta State website: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

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

http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFall2014.pdf

Patricia Taylor

Eta State Organization President 2013-2015



President's Theme:

"Together We Are Stronger --

Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"



Message in ETA STATE NEWS

Summer 2014

I have been told that as one begins to age, time goes by faster. It is very difficult to believe that a year of the 2013-2015 biennium in Eta State is gone! Reflecting on this past year, I have seen evidence of commitment, collaboration, and celebration in Eta State. As a result of working together, Eta State continues to grow stronger in fellowship and service because of our dedication and love for the Society! At the same time, there is always room for growth in any organization. This, too, is what makes us stronger!

One thing that I have learned this past year is that leaders do not know everything! Great leaders come into leadership roles using every opportunity as a time to learn (this sounds like something "Leroy the Leadership Guy" would say). The challenges that leaders sometimes experience are the pathways to new adventures! I have even learned that some great leaders do not know all the words to the Delta Kappa Gamma song! Imagine that! I have had many new adventures this year; I can say, without a doubt that I am a stronger leader because of them. We have helped each other along the way, and we have accepted and celebrated each other's failures and successes. This is what has helped to mold confident leaders in our Society. This is what has strengthened our "sisterhood." The Eta State officers are grateful for the state, chapter, and regional leaders who have served us well in 2012-2014. They have certainly been excellent role models for the future leaders in Eta State! We welcome the new chapter leaders as they emerge confidently and ready to lead in 2014-2016. As we embark upon a second year of this 2013-2015 biennium, it is my hope that we will continue to focus on celebrating each other as well as spreading the excitement of leadership and of this great Society! Have your "elevator speech" ready in case someone asks about that "sorority" to which you belong. This gives us an opportunity to share the good news of this Society (not sorority) that encompasses 18 member countries and to invite others to come and share the fun and adventure of service and leadership with women educators from all over the world! Together, we will continue to grow and become stronger in education and Eta State!

Elon University: Fall Executive Board Meeting, September 6, 2014

Elected officers and other chapter leaders met on September 6, 2014 from 10 a m until 3 p m

Note from the Region V Director:

Hello Region V Chapter Leaders!

What an exciting, invigorating day!

Thank you so much for being here to represent your chapter, and your region! Congratulations, again for doing such an excellent job of meeting deadlines! Remember, if you need my help, just ask. Whatever it is we can figure it out. I sincerely appreciate your leadership, your time, and your sisterhood.

Sincerely, CarolynVincent, Eta Region V Director cccv@aol.com

Patricia Taylor's message: ((Eta State President)

Hats off to everyone that prepared, attended, presented, shared input, asked questions, and traveled today to the Eta State Fall Executive Board meeting! It was fun networking, enjoying genuine spiritual fellowship, receiving information and preparing for the year ahead in Eta State! What a great day!!!!!



The picture was taken at Elon as Region V was planning for the Eta State Convention to be held in April in Chapel Hill.

A time of learning and fellowship was enjoyed by all at the Eta State Fall Executive Board Meeting at Elon University on Saturday, September 6.

Elaine Scagnelli, Theresa Wahome-Tate, and I represented you there and received information from Eta State officers and committees. Our own Theresa Wahome-Tate, presented the report from the Eta State Personnel Committee which she chairs. An exciting presentation by the NC Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation brought everyone up to date on the:

"100 Challenge - Launching A Dream".

Each region in Eta State is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each by March 15, 2015. Chapter Presidents will collect pledge cards and send them on to Regional Directors. Money will be collected later. Contributions will be used for educators for professional development, research, personal growth, civic engagement, chapter and classroom projects.

Elaine Russell, Delta Gamma Co-president