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President's Message from Diane Howdeshell



Dear Sisters:

All at the December Beta Delta Christmas Brunch and Auction at Sedgefield Country Club had a lovely time! The weather outside was cold, rainy, and cloudy, but the camaraderie inside was warm, cheerful, and exhilarating. The December meeting's focus is to support World Fellowship, state scholarships, and chapter grants and projects. It is one Beta Delta's favorite meetings of the year because Sharon Page and her committee: Janis L. Antonek, Helen

Killacky, and Barbara Levin, make the difference. Thank you from your sisters for orchestrating a stellar event.

As we move into a new year with exciting possibilities and challenges, Delta Kappa Gamma International, Eta State, and the Beta Delta Chapter offer grants, scholarships, and professional development funds for our members. For instance, the Shaw-Lewis Beginning Teacher Grant awards \$500 each spring to a female teacher in Guilford County. The Dr. Ann Joyce Reardon Award is available to chapter members seeking personal and professional development experiences, and the award is up to \$500. If a member is pursuing a master's or doctoral degree, Delta Kappa Gamma offers \$6,000 scholarship for a master's and \$10,000 scholarship for a doctoral candidate. Please see the newsletter for dates and application.

One of the ongoing challenges we face as active and retired educators in our chapter is the ability and wherewithal to make our voices heard in the political vortex of education. It seems forces at the state and national level are determined to standardize a one size-fits all agenda for our country's children, its young adults, and the training of future teachers. One of the goals for 2015 is to keep you abreast of political events shaping the future of education in our nation so that you will be an informed and knowledgeable member about educational issues. Beta Delta and our three chapter sisters: Alpha, Beta Beta, and Beta Gamma, sincerely hope you will attend the February 7, 2015, meeting at First Baptist Church in Greensboro to hear Dr. Alan Brown and Dr. Dahill-Brown from Wake Forest University to discuss the potential federal mandates for Teacher Education Programs in higher education from the Department of Education.

In sisterhood,

Diane Howdeshell

President

Member News

Mary Lynn Redmond served as president of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in 2015. She presided over the annual convention held in San Antonio November 21-23 that had over 6400 attendees from across the US and abroad. **Marcia Payne Wooten, Mary Pendergraft, Ashley Velazquez, and Jane Mitchell** attended the convention, and at the Opening General Session, Mary Lynn recognized Jane for her leadership in shaping K-12 world language education in North Carolina.

Jane and Marcia took advantage of an offer by ACTFL to have their pictures appear on a "cover" of one of their publications - The Language Educator.



Happy New Year, Y'all, from your Chapter Treasurer!

Here are some DKG financial matters that you will be interested in: Congratulate yourselves for raising a total of **\$2,613.00** at our December brunch. Of that total, we paid Sedgfield Country Club, **\$755.79** to cover the cost of the brunch. We are already using the proceeds of our auction to help fund many worthy causes. At the state level, Beta Delta sent a **\$200** check to our Eta State Scholarship Fund. Additionally, a **\$108** check was sent to the State Headquarters Fund (which is \$2 per Beta Delta member). At the International level, Beta Delta sent a **\$300** check to DKG Int'l for World Fellowship and **\$10** checks were sent to the following international funds:

- DKG Educational Foundation
- Golden Gift Fund
- International Speaker's Fund
- Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund

In July, 2014, we sent a check to UNICEF for *Schools for Africa* in the amount of **\$192.75**. *Keep saving that change. Currently, we have collected over \$70 toward our 2015 contribution.*

In the Spring we hope to have recipients for the Beta Delta Shaw-Lewis Scholarship and the Anna Joyce Reardon Scholarship.

Stay WARM!! **Elaine McRae**



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

More Member News!

Jenn Kunka sends us a photo of her Christmas Card this year, in which she and her family announce the May arrival of another child. Congratulations!!!

Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings

February 7, 2015 (Saturday) - Combined Chapter Meeting (see page 7 for details)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Greensboro, NC

April, 2015 - Greensboro Chapters Initiation

7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Greensboro

Eta State Convention

April 24-26, 2015 (Friday - Sunday)

Chapel Hill Sheraton
Chapel Hill, NC

May 5, 2015—(Tuesday)

Beta Delta

5:00 p.m.
Olive Garden Restaurant
3000 High Point Rd.

June 17—20, 2015 — Eta State Leadership Development Seminar,

Raleigh, NC

July 15—18, 2015

2014 Southeast Regional Convention

Westin Harbor Resort
Savannah, GA

Eta State Convention

April 22-24, 2016(Friday - Sunday)

Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

2016 International Convention

July 5, 2016

Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN



Beta Delta Chapter

Annual December Brunch and Auction!!

Prospective members were welcomed at the brunch. Pictured below are: (L-R) Liliana Jordanov, Nalini Dorasamy, Esther Gray, Stephanie Kurttts, Melissa DeAngelo, Courtney Buchanan and Cynthia Vaughan.



A fun time was had by all, as we chatted, brunched, visited, auctioned and talked some more.



Dr. Lois Edinger (in the center, in red, right) was able to come and participate in the festivities.

Many thanks to Janis Antonek for the great pictures.

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #131, NOVEMBER, 2014

This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you.

This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 90,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

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STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 2013

Although the Strengthening Social Security Act of 2013 (S.567, H.R.3118) has been introduced in both houses, it has been referred to a committee and will probably not be acted on in this session of Congress. This act is designed to help Social Security increases keep up with increases or decreases in the cost of living through several sources of information.

ENGLISH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT

In September 2014 H.R. 5473 was introduced in the House of Representatives. This bill would establish English as the US "official" language in all governmental matters. The only exceptions are for (1) religious purposes, (2) language training for international communication, or (3) school programs designed to encourage students to learn foreign languages. I assume this could affect "English as a second language" programs.

OTHER RECENT LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

A surprising number of bills were filed in September 2014. To get more information about specific legislation go to www.congress.gov for bill summaries and full text of the bills.

PROTECTING STUDENTS FROM WORTHLESS DEGREES

An interesting bill introduced in September 2014 is H.R.5572 entitled Protecting Students From Worthless Degrees Act. This bill makes institutions of higher learning ineligible to receive federal funds if the institution does not provide training for specific occupations for which jobs exist, and also directs institutions to help students with job placement in these occupations. This bill is almost certainly the result of young people taking out student loans to attend schools which are making extravagant claims about job opportunities. Then when the student tries to get employment in the field for which he/she was supposedly trained, finding that no jobs are available in the field.

TEACHING RESOURCE

There is an online video available which describes the legislative process <https://www.congress.gov/legislative-process>. This should be a useful resource for those teaching American government.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

FORUM WEB SITE <http://bit.ly/DKGUSF>

2015 Convention Update

Plans for the 2015 Eta State Convention, to be held in Chapel Hill April 24-26, 2015 are moving right along.

From the pre-conference session and registration to the general sessions and new officer nominations, plans and details are taking shape for the next Eta State Convention to be held in Chapel Hill, April 24-26, 2015.

Hotel registration is now open and members are encouraged to make their reservations early at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel. Be sure to mention DKG Eta State to get the special \$119 room rate (plus taxes).

Links and phone numbers are on the Eta State website. Click the convention link on the main page or go to <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015%20Convention.html>.

Also on the website are links to place ads in the convention booklet and to register as a vendor. See page two in the convention booklet for more detailed information on the convention.

Across the big pond!

In compiling the Beta Delta News, I have the opportunity to peruse sites and information that I never would have been aware of otherwise. Please enjoy this article by a DKG member from Great Britain, in which she talks about her first visit to the US.

<http://www.dkggb.org.uk/index.php/state-news>

A Visit with Venerable Member!

At the 2013 Annual Brunch and Auction, **Janis Antonek** won the bid for a lunch with Beta Delta member **Betty McNairy**, who now resides at the Wellspring Retirement Community.

Back in November of 2014, Janis and her husband David joined Betty to enjoy the famous, fabulous Sunday brunch.



"Department of Education's Proposal to Rank Teacher Education Programs."

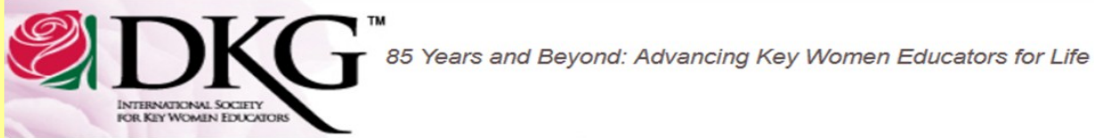
This is a blog written by . . .

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It is a timely article on evaluating teacher education programs across the country and the federal government's proposal to follow something similar to the No Child Left Behind policy. The blog entry is Dr. Rose's response to the ideology of this failed policy.



And



ATTENTION DKG MEMBERS! ATTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY PANEL DISCUSSION!

Guest Speakers

Dr. Alan Brown, Assistant Professor, English Education,
Department of Education

Dr. Sara Dahill-Brown, Assistant Professor,
Political Science Department
Wake Forest University

Dr. Brown and Dr. Dahill-Brown will conduct a panel discussion on the special challenges North Carolina public school teachers face under current laws. He and Dr. Dahill-Brown will discuss the impact of Teach for America, charter schools, charter school transparency, vouchers, pre-service teacher education and preparation, and in-service teacher retention and attrition.

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2015
WHERE: First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SPONSORS: Beta Delta, Alpha, Beta Beta, and Beta Gamma Chapters

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LOOK AT OUR BETA DELTA SISTERS!!

Dr. Barbara Levin and **Dr. Mary Lynn Redmond** have been busy this year publishing articles, writing chapters to books, leading conferences, and enhancing the field of education. They are key women educators whose ongoing research enhances the field of education preparing a stronger, more vibrant generation of teachers for the 21st century.

Dr. Barbara Levin, Director, Teachers Academy
Professor, Department of Teacher Education & Higher Education
University of North Carolina-Greensboro, NC

Published the following:

Levin, B. B., & Schrum, L. (2014) Lessons learned from secondary schools using technology for school improvement: It's just not that simple! *Journal of School Leadership*, 40 (4), 640-665.

Schrum, L., & Levin, B. B. (2014). Digital storytelling: Reinventing how learners communicate. Invited chapter for *Proven Programs in Education: STEM*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Levin, B. B. (2014). The development of teachers' beliefs. In H. Fives & M. G. Gill (Eds.). *International Handbook of Research on Teachers' Beliefs*. (pp. 48-65). New York: Taylor & Francis/Routledge.

Dr. Mary Lynn Redmond, Coordinator of Foreign Language Education
Professor of Education, Department of Education
Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, NC

Dr. Redmond published and presented at the following conferences in 2014:

She wrote five pieces for *The Language Educator*, which is the practitioners' journal. (See a prototype of the cover on page 2.)

"Reaching Global Competence," *The Language Educator*, January 2014, page 7.

"Reaching Global Competence – Developing a Global Mindset," *The Language Educator*, February 2014, page 7.

"Enhancing Global Knowledge," *The Language Educator*, April 2014, page 7.

"PLCs – Making Connections Among Language Educators," *The Language Educator*, August/September, page 7.

"Embracing the Journey Toward Global Competence," *The Language Educator*, Oct/Nov, 2014, page 7.

In addition, she has made presentations at conferences around the US:

Modern Language Association

National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages

Five regional conferences

Seven days of presentations at ACTFL

The keynote speaker at three sessions at the state foreign language association.

Congratulations to Barb and Mary Lynn. They "do us proud!"

Delta Kappa Gamma
Eta State Education Law and Policy Committee
Protocol for Political Contacts

Participation in the political process is both a right and a responsibility. As Eta State seeks to influence legislative decisions at local, state, and national levels, it is important that we acknowledge the purposes of our society and the dignity of our profession. With this purpose in mind, members are asked respectfully to remember the following guidelines:

- All Eta State communications with legislators and staff will be cordial and professional.
- When representing DKG, members will confine remarks to the issues identified by the membership. Other issues may be addressed at a different time as individuals or members of another group.
- DKG members will educate themselves on the specific legislation/policy to be addressed as well as appropriate background to support our position.
- All letters to the editor addressed to local newspapers/news sources will be submitted after the approval of the local chapter.
 - It is suggested that all letters be reviewed by an additional reader.
 - In order to reassure members, chapters may prefer that all Letters to the Editor be signed by retired members.
 - Copies of all letters to the editor will be sent to the Eta State President.
- When attending meetings with office holders either locally or in their legislative offices, DKG members will wear their membership pins.

All emails regarding political activity will be sent to members' **personal email addresses and not to email addressed associated with a school system or state agency.**

The 100 Challenge

The Educational Foundation has announced "The 100 Challenge-Launching a Dream" initiative. Region 7 is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each before March 15, 2015.

Can we do it? Of course, we can!

How do we meet the challenge?

Invite a Foundation Board Member or regional director to your meeting [I am both!] and share.

Use the PowerPoint presentation found on the Eta State Foundation link.

Go to the Eta State/Foundation website for a copy of the brochure & pledge form.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/educationalfoundation.htm>

Collect pledges only [no \$ until the IRS approves the application] and send pledge forms to me at 2190 Midway School Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107.

We are a lucky region [7] with 11 great chapters! So we can do it! 7/11!!!