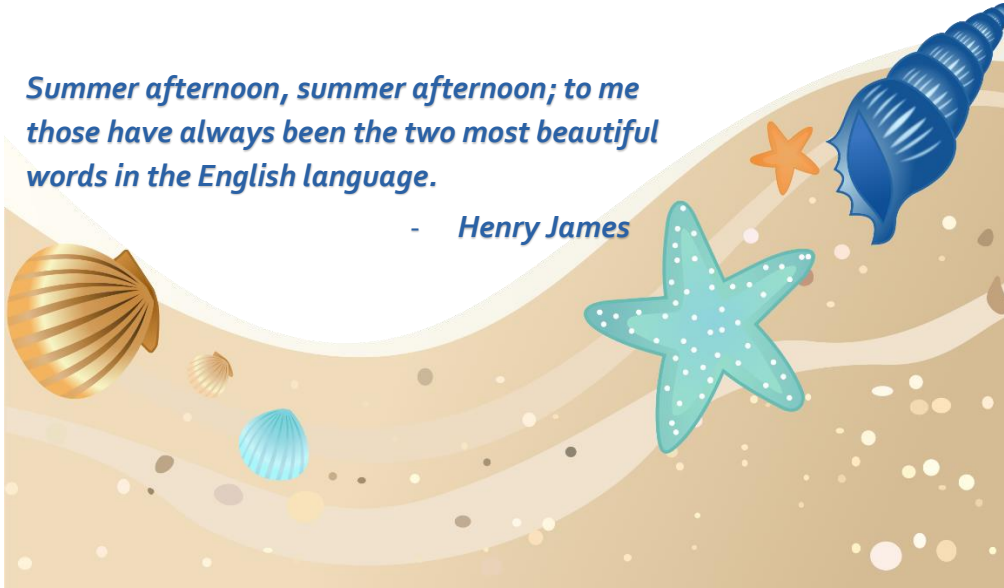


Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

- Henry James



Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Region VII, Eta State,
 North Carolina,
 Beta Delta Chapter,
 Greensboro, NC

Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Educators "Let's Sparkle!"

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President's Message



Hello, Ladies!
 As your new president for Beta Delta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, I am learning every day! I met with Ann Pember, Elaine McCrae, Sheila Groves

and Barbara Moore last month, and they have been (and continue to be) supremely helpful. I also attended the officer training on June 22nd, and am signed up for the state Executive Board meeting in Elon next month. I've called some of you about committee chair positions; I'm hoping to catch up with the rest of you soon.

My big summer news is that my oldest daughter got engaged! They've set the date for October 26th, 2019 in Asheville, NC and I'm doing the flowers -- growing them and arranging them!

My husband is from Arlington, Virginia (D.C. Metro area) and our family has bounced back and forth between Northern Virginia, where my husband and I were teachers for Fairfax County Public Schools, and Greensboro for the past 26 years. Back in the 1990's my husband was the Tennis Director at Sedgefield CC, so our girls grew up on the tennis courts at Sedgefield and we attended Sedgefield Presbyterian Church. They both went to Morehead Elementary in Greensboro, where I taught theatre for ten years and enjoyed the

privilege of combining family with vocation. Since one daughter lives in Arlington, Virginia and the other one lives in Raleigh, N.C., Rt. 29, 40 and 85/95 are our most traveled roads for trips. I managed to get up to the D.C. area a few weeks ago to visit friends and my older daughter, and visited Hillwood Estate, the beautiful home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, of the Post/General Foods Corporation. Marjorie's life story is fascinating -- suffice it to say she generously implemented her wealth in service to our country in times of both war and peace, loved to entertain and enjoyed the company and of four husbands. The gardens and home are tucked away in Northwest D.C., near the National Cathedral -- a truly lovely part of the city. Since Post was partial to French 18th century and Russian Imperial styles of decorating, you can imagine the elegance and opulence of Hillwood House. They also had a Fabergé egg collection at the estate, so I was intrigued to see those items, having previously heard, but never seen any part of a Fabergé collection. If you enjoy strolling through gardens and touring a small, but uniquely decorated mansion, Hillwood Estate is an unexpected sanctuary in our nation's capital. My biggest trip for the summer will be the end of August, when my husband and I

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 4
 6:00pm @ First Baptist Church

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Highlights: May Meeting May 17, 2018

Our May meeting was held at First Baptist Church from 5:30-7:00pm with pizza funded by donations from members. There were 27 members in attendance and 1 guest.

Dr. Jane Mitchell opened the meeting by sharing various quotes from her commonplace book. A commonplace book is sort of like a scrapbook where you write down literary quotes, paste articles and other information. (Editor's note: If you are interested in starting your own commonplace book, check out this link: <http://www.toasted-cheese.com/absolute-blank/12-11/>)

After dinner, Dori Caligiure gave a record of attendance at the meeting.

A report was given from those who attended the Eta State Convention in April. Awards were given to Marcia Wooten, Lisa Frissen, and Jenn Kunka for the Eta State North Carolina Communications Excellence Award. The Chapter Achievement Award was presented to the chapter for earning 715 points which meant we were first place in the state. Beta Delta received a crystal vase with an inscription. When president Ann Pember heard that our chapter had earned 715 points she said, "Hot damn! We got it!"



The minutes from the February 22 membership meeting were approved as written by Donna Ray and seconded by Elaine McRae.

Elaine McRae shared the treasurer's report.

- The balance in checking as of 4/30/18 = \$5,492.68.
- Debits were
 - the catering bill for the February meeting of \$82.14
 - \$82 to Lisa Frissen for being a first time attendee at the state convention.
 - cost for new member initiation and Baptist Church for \$85.00.
 - reimbursement for president Ann Pember's costs for Eta State Convention. \$350.00.
- Kudos were given to Rose Mosquera for being the first to pay her dues for the upcoming year.
- Dues are due by October 30th to Elaine McRae for \$75 for active members and \$23 for reserve members.

Claire Driscoll welcomed Catherine Scott Little and Temple Eller who were initiated on April 12, 2018.

Jenn Kunka reminded everyone to copy and paste the following URL to your browser to access the most updated members' directory: <https://tinyurl.com/y77k5bgh>

The new business portion of the meeting consisted of a report on Hampton Elementary School from Ann Pember and Sheila Groves.

Hampton Elementary School has moved to Reedy Fork Elementary School due to the destruction by the tornado. The transition was excellent. Beta Delta with the help of Backpack Beginnings has contributed 100 backpacks, 50 for boys and 50 for girls. Any supplies brought to the May meeting will be taken to Guilford Education Alliance with Hampton's name on the box. Rinda Estes, Vandy Chhum, and Communities in Schools are also donating school supplies.

Lisa Frissen reminded the chapter about our Facebook group page and to send in items for the newsletter in August.

Dori Caligiure and Amanda Hagen gave an update on our Wellness Initiative. Judy Mancino-Palmer was the only member to complete the monthly calendar. She was given a little surprise and the other members were

encouraged to start participating again. An electronic copy will be emailed out and it will be posted on the Facebook page as well. It was requested to continue for the summer. Please remember if you complete the calendar to either email Dori at caligid@gcsnc.com or post your results on our Facebook page.



New officers were installed. Mary Sharpe nominated Zoe Dillard as President, Dori Caligiure as Secretary and Elaine McRae as treasurer. It was seconded by Rose Griffin. The chapter voted and all were in favor.

Sokcheat Chiep, Vandy Chhum's niece, completed a short classical dance which represented the beauty of a young lady. The dance would be performed during a South Asian New Year.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was led by Dr. Jane Mitchell, Marcia Payne Wooten, and Zoe Dillard and then the meeting was adjourned.



This orchid was presented to Ann Pember to thank her for her service as chapter president during the last biennium. She said it's still blooming and beautiful.

Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention - Austin, Texas July 15-20, 2018

For those who were able to attend the DKG International Convention this year, the week was filled with business meetings, inspiring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, local eating, sightseeing and fellowship. The biggest order of business at the convention this year was voting on proposed amendments to the Constitution and the International Standing Rules. One of the hot topics was the proposal to change the name of Delta Kappa Gamma to "Women's Educators International (DKG)." There was a lot of debate and two additional amendments proposed. There seemed to be a lot of mixed feelings on whether the name should be changed at all or if it were to be changed, what name it would be. The amendment failed but it was such a big topic it may show up again at the next International Convention.

The focus for many amendments seemed to be about simplifying and clarifying rules and responsibilities. Other amendments attempted to give organizations more flexibility in how they operate. Much focus was also placed on how to make Delta Kappa Gamma more attractive to potential members, especially younger teachers in the profession. Membership numbers have been dropping steadily over the years and more members are leaving than are being initiated. So, look for more amendments and changes in the future with this same objective.

Major Constitutional Changes

- New member initiation will now be called induction.
- State organizations will now be named by their geographic/country name instead of just by the Greek letters.
- DKG now allows for college students to be invited to the society. Collegiate members cannot hold elected offices and will pay \$20 in dues until they begin their teaching careers. Once they begin teaching they become full-fledged members.
- Regional conferences will be held in odd-numbered years.
- State organizations have been given latitude as to when conventions will be held but there must be at least one convention per biennium.
- Dues payments will be realigned to with the fiscal year (which means dues will be due earlier in the year instead of October).
- The DKG Constitution will now be amended every 2 years instead of every 4.
- There were many changes that simplified or clarified the roles of certain committees.

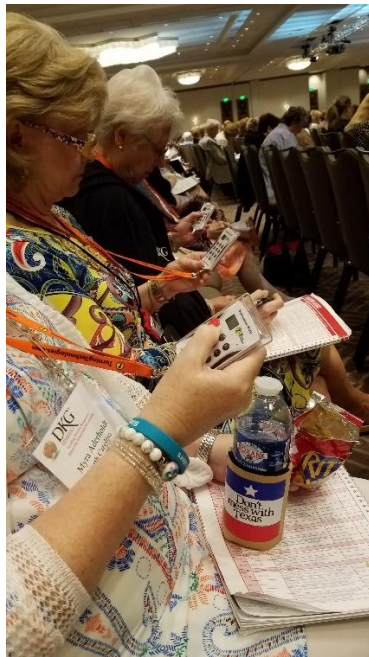
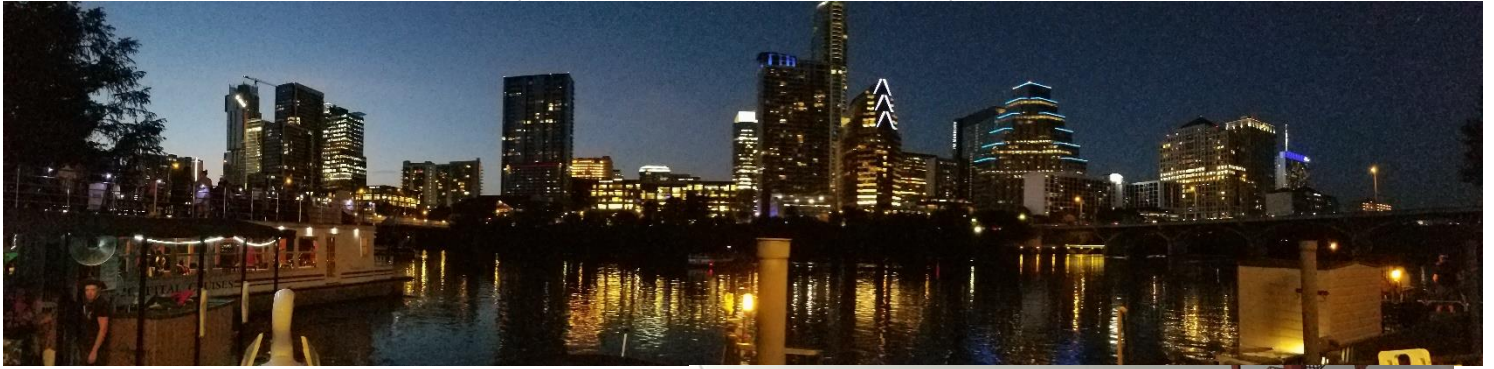
If you would like to see the complete list of changes please check out the list on the [DKG website](#).



Beta Delta represents!

We had four members from Beta Delta attend the International Convention. From left to right: Myra Aderholdt, Lisa Frissen, Elaine McRae, and Sheila Groves. Sheila was busy with all kinds of meetings and working the convention floor microphones. This was Lisa's first International Convention so there was much to learn. It was good to connect with others from Eta State and to meet new ladies from around the country and the world.

Austin skyline as seen from the south side of Lady Bird Lake



Voting on amendment proposals using electronic devices – This was the first time electronic devices were used at an International Convention.



Tours of DKG Headquarters were available throughout the convention. A virtual tour is available on our Facebook Group page if you would like to learn more.



Out on the town for dinner with some other NC friends



The installation of our new international president Cathy P. Daugherty

Beta Delta Member News

"Here I am with Pat and our granddaughter Chloe at the Biltmore Estate viewing the fabulous Dale Chihuly glass exhibits. Be sure to go in the evening - it's magical!"

Gayle Manahan



"As of July 1 I'm president of the [American Classical League](#) and already have 3 additional trips scheduled before Christmas just for ACL events!"

Mary Pendergraft



"I was out taking photos for Greensboro Daily Photo and at LeBauer Park, heard someone calling my name. As it turns out, Jen and Claire were at the park with their little ones. It is so much fun running in to Beta Delta sisters."

Janis Antonek



"The Kunkas have been 'staycationing' since Jenn has needed to be in Raleigh so much with her Dad this summer. He had knee revision surgery on Tuesday, July 17th and it went really well. He's experienced greatly reduced pain and we are expecting him to recover his ability to walk much better now. While we've been home, we've been decorating Clyde's big boy bedroom. He and big sister Sofia were thrilled when we installed his new bunk bed (pictured)."

Check out our own Amy Williamsen in an [article on UNCG's website](#) about the UNCG Chance program.



Mary & Gary Sharpe have celebrated two graduations this spring. Meredith Julian graduated from ASU(Boone) with a BS in Nursing and her brother, Garren, graduated from Jay M. Robinson in Concord. Proud grandparents, indeed! "I can't forget 5 yr. old Duncan who will enter Kindergarten at Providence Day in Charlotte. Such sweet memories."

Mary Sharpe

Birthdays

August

- Rinda Estes – Aug. 1
- Avery McGuire – Aug. 1
- Janis Antonek – Aug. 16
- Kim Pemberton – Aug. 19
- Mary Sharpe – Aug. 23
- Tanya Feagins – Aug. 28

September

- Jewell Cooper – Sept. 5
- Kelly Arnold – Sept. 8
- Tina Doran – Sept. 11
- Katie Tuttle – Sept. 15
- Cynthia Wooten – Sept. 26

October

- Amanda Hagen – Oct. 11
- Dori Caligiure – Oct. 21
- Gayle Manahan – Oct. 22
- Christina Purgason – Oct. 30
- Donna Harper – Oct. 31

Did we forget you? Email the editor at lfrissen72@gmail.com

Important Dates

Next Beta Delta Meeting

October 4, 2018
 First Baptist Church
 Lower auditorium
 6:00pm

Holiday Brunch

December 1, 2018
 Sedgfield Country Club
 9:00am



This photo was taken at an evening of Jazz at the Toronto Aquarium.

My husband and I travelled in June to the International Rotary Convention in Toronto, Canada, where both of these were taken.

Tonya Feagins and husband David



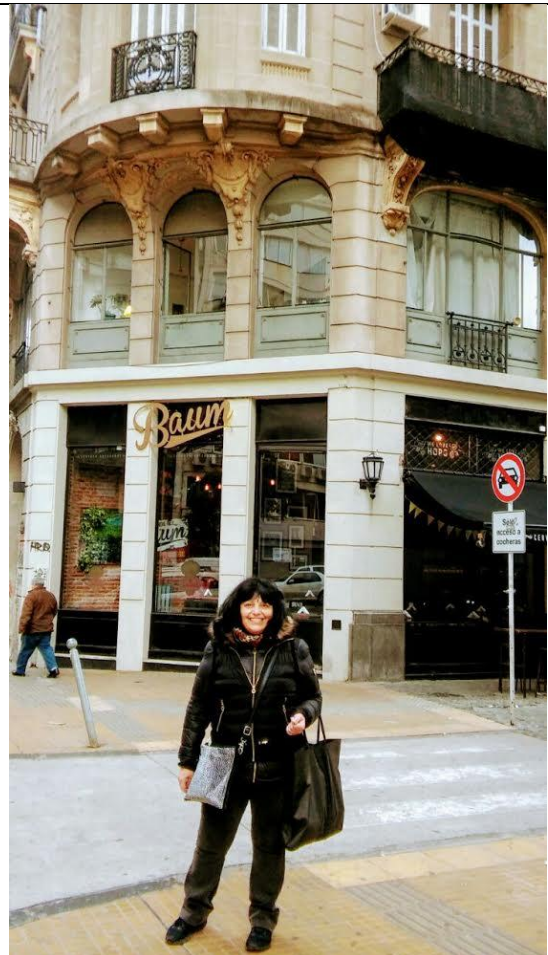
This photo was taken at the HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP international convention booth "anticipating the next Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany 2019."



Melissa Harrelson and husband Jerry at the Biltmore House, touring the Chihuly Glass exhibit in June.



1) In the barrio of San Telmo , I found the characters of "El paseo de la Historieta" (the cartoon ride). Characters of cartoons from back in the day, transported me to my childhood and teenage years. Mafalda, the little girl in the statue, created by Quino, became famous for expressing irony and shrewed protest in times of strong military dictatorship.



2) After not being able to take a full month of vacation in more than 15 years, this summer I could spend all July with my family in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A stroll around the neighborhood of San Telmo, a typical area of the "old" Buenos Aires, with breathtaking architecture and some picturesque stone-paved small streets. Tango and art are an additional condiment to the area.
Liliana Jordanov

Beta Delta Member Spotlight - Dr. Janis Antonek

Going Global, Teaching Local

Beta Delta member Dr. Janis L. Antonek was selected as a fellow in the 2018 World View Fellows Program. Established in 1998, World View is a public service program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel. The organization provides resources to K-12 and community college educators to help them prepare their own students to engage in our global, interconnected, and diverse world.

This inaugural cohort of 2018 fellows is an interdisciplinary group of twelve North Carolina educators. The official title for the opportunity is 'The 2018 World View Fellows Program: The OVERBook Project on the Environment and Sustainability'. The twelve fellows have an opportunity to deepen their own understanding of contemporary, global environmental issues. Ultimately, they will develop study guides for teachers to use centered around six overarching themes: climate change, consumption, human rights, rights of nature, pollution, and water. The OVERBook book of photo essays will be used as a primary source for the study guides. The twenty-four guides, two per fellow, will be completed by December, 2018.



Antonek, a Guilford County world language teacher, left the July training workshop, at the Fed Ex Global Education Center in Chapel Hill, energized by the interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, she is enthusiastic about having new resources related to global education and environmental sustainability, and has already started implementing them into her lesson plans for the upcoming school year.

"For teachers, summers are a time for rejuvenation, reflection, and renewal. Summer also provides opportunities to get new ideas for the following school year. As lifelong learners, just about everything teachers do informs our teaching in one way or another. This summer, I had the opportunity to travel with a group of students to Australia and New Zealand. Especially interesting in New Zealand were the following: spending time with the Maori people and getting to know their history and culture; learning that before humans imported them, the only mammals in New Zealand were bats; visiting a geothermal village where food is cooked in the hot pools and people bathe communally; seeing the land where the Hobbit was filmed, and so much more.

In Australia, sailing past the Sydney Opera House was captivating; getting to hold a koala and petting kangaroos was thrilling; riding a cable lift through the world's oldest rainforest and learning to throw a boomerang in an aboriginal village were memorable; and spending a day on the Great Barrier Reef (while there are still parts that are living) was quite impactful. Even as someone who has visited fifty countries, my personal growth was profound. Equally meaningful was seeing the students' world view expand before my eyes. One student, who had never traveled out of the country before, nor had she been on an airplane, told me the trip made her want to study abroad in college. Another student wanted to become involved in cleaning up the oceans.

The Australia/New Zealand adventure gave me many ideas about sustainable living and environmental impact to share with my school this year. The trip was especially memorable because our tour guide understood that for two weeks, he was our teacher, and the southern hemisphere was our classroom. This un-school experience, where nothing seemed like traditional school, but learning was happening every waking moment, is something I hope to replicate, as feasible, in the classroom."



Janis Antonek

News from Eta State

Eta State Wellness Initiative Self-Care Wellness—Living a Balanced Life

By: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, Eta State NC EEC Chair

Did you know that nearly 15 million Americans—one in 10 adults—experience depression each year? Major depression affects your **mood, mind, body, and behavior** and about two-thirds of those impacted don't get the help they need.

Women experience **twice the rate of depression as men, regardless of race or ethnic background**. An estimated one woman in eight will contend with a major depression in her lifetime.

(<http://www.networkofcare.org/library/womenanddepression.pdf>)

For more information on the Eta State Wellness Initiative, **SelfCare Wellness—Living a Balanced Life**, visit <https://www.ncdkg.org/educationalexcellence-committee.html>.

New Online Calendar

In addition to the calendar to the right that lists most deadlines for the coming DKG year, Webmaster Beth Winstead has posted a calendar on the Eta State NC website under the News tab here: <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>. To save an item from the online calendar to your personal calendar, click on the blue bar. An info box will pop up. Click on the "save to my calendar" link and save. It works the same for Apple or Android platforms. DKG International also has an online calendar under the Events tab. You must be logged in to see it.

Encouraging Beginning Teachers Beginning Teacher Support Committee Tammy Albright, Chair

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee would like ask every member to find a beginning teacher (or educator) at a local school of their choice. Write this teacher a note of encouragement or send them a small gift to get their year started. Remember to tell them that you are/were an educator and have been in their shoes. This could be the first step in increasing your chapter's membership for the coming biennium.

Meet our New Region VII Director: Peggy Stuart, Beta Xi

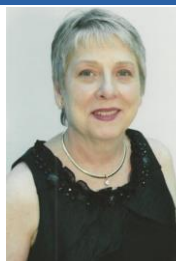
Peggy Stuart, member of Beta Xi Chapter, lives in Jamestown. She served her chapter on the Membership Committee, and as secretary, president, and co-president. Peggy is currently chairman of the Coordinating Council in Region VII and a member of the Eta State NC Awards Committee. Peggy treasures the friendships she has made through her Eta State participation over the years.



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Message from the Eta State President

Why is it important that DKG members attend an International Convention? As leaders, we learn more about the complexity of the Society and begin to grasp the scope of all the things that DKG influences around the world. The attendees conduct the business and vote to determine the future direction of DKG as we deliberate proposals. During the Breakouts and Takeaways, DKG members have the opportunity to present sessions which provide professional growth for our members. Several of our Eta State NC members were presenters this year!



One can gain inspiration and renewal of spirit listening to dynamic speakers. Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez both delivered powerful messages during the convention. Recognition was given to two special members from NC. At the Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon, Dr. Gwen Simmons received the 2018 International Achievement Award, the highest honor in DKG. Nancy Tunstall was recognized as North Carolina's Star of the Southeast during the Southeast Regional Breakfast. Eta State NC is very proud of both of these members. Opportunities for leadership in the Society are plentiful as new officers are elected for the next biennium. Cathy Daugherty from Virginia was elected to serve as 2018-2020 International President. International Convention is a time of renewing friendships and meeting new members. I would like to encourage all of our Eta State NC members to consider attending the Southeast Regional Conference in Asheville June 27-29, 2019. Conferences and conventions provide opportunities to learn more about our great organization. progresses. Thank you!

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionat, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Let's Sparkle!

Connie Phifer Savell, Eta State NC President 2017-2019

President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

attend the USTA Conference in NYC (he'll attend the conference while I go to museums!) and go to a few matches at the U.S. Open. Maybe we'll even get to see our Greensboro tennis star, John Isner. Ask me about how we ran into him on a plane coming back from the Australian Open in 2016!

Otherwise, I've been working full-time at UNCG as a writer in Advancement/Donor Relations. You can see samples of my writing on the UNCG Advancement website if you're looking for reading material. I appreciate the opportunity to write stories about generous people who establish scholarships and the positive impact those scholarships have on lives, contributing to our community, region and world -- just as our work in Delta Kappa Gamma gives us opportunities to support teachers, students and educational initiatives that make a difference.

With appreciation for all you do and all we will do
TOGETHER,

Sincerely,
Zoe Dillard
President, Beta Delta (2018-2020)

DKG News to Be Online Only

During the May, 2018 DKG Administrative Board meeting, members approved that all issues of the DKG News will be published online only. Members will no longer receive this publication by mail. Rising costs for printing and mailing this newsletter and declining DKG membership are the reasons for this change. Be sure to watch the DKG website for notices when the bimonthly newsletter has been posted.

Need Money???



This is a reminder that the Cornetet fund will pay for professional development activities (conferences, for example) if you are in need! Here's the [link](#), and there are three deadlines: 9/1, 2/1, and 5/1.

There are more scholarships available to teachers through our society. Please check out this link on our Beta Delta page for more information:

<http://nc-betadelta.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

Eta State NC Dates to Remember

2018

September 5 Deadline for Executive Board Meeting registration
September 15 Eta State Executive Board Meeting Elon Community Church Elon, NC
September 30 Deadline for NC DKG Educational Foundation grant application
October 10 Eta State News submission deadline to Carol Bostian
November 10 Dues due to state treasurer
November 15 Nominations for state officers due
November 15 990-N epostcard due to IRS

2019

January 10 Eta State News submission deadline to Carol Bostian
February 1 Founders Award nominations due
February 1 Annual Reports due (Chapter President & Chapter Necrology)
February 1 Eta State Scholarship applications due
March 1 Eta State Award Submissions due (Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star, Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards)
March 22-23 Eta State Leadership Seminar Caraway Conference Center
April 10 Eta State News submission deadline to Carol Bostian
May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC Region X
January 10 Eta State News submission deadline to Carol Bostian
June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort Asheville, NC

International Dates to Remember

2018

Aug. 5 DKG Arts & Humanities submissions for Fall Gallery opens
Sept. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
Sept. 5 Submissions due for DKG Arts & Humanities Fall Gallery
Oct. 1 Submission deadline for Bulletin: Journal
Nov. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Award
Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
Dec. 15 Submission deadline for Bulletin: Collegial Exchange

2019

Jan. 3 Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation project applications
Feb. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
Feb. 1 DKG International Scholarship applications due
Feb. 5 Submissions due for DKG Arts & Humanities Spring Gallery
Mar. 1 Submission deadline for Bulletin: Journal
May 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
May 15 Submission deadline for Bulletin: Journal
June 21-24 Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Asheville, NC
June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza,

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #174, JUNE 2018 (Updated July 2018)

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 80,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at 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.

RIGHT TO TRY ACT

The Right To Try Act (H.R.2368) would allow terminally ill patients to access pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and experimental treatments which have not totally completed certification by the Food And Drug Administration (FDA). The patient and either a medical or legal representative of the patient would have to provide evidence to support the dire need of the patient for the treatment. The pharmaceutical device or pharmaceutical drug/s would have had to successfully passed several clinical trials in order to be considered for use before official, final approval. The manufacturer would have no liability.

UNUSUAL VOTING METHODS

In this year's primary elections, there were two unusual voting methods employed.

This year's California primary had what is called a "jungle primary" which has also been referred to as a "qualifying primary" or "top two primary." The candidates are not categorized by party. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be on the November ballot. This method could result in both candidates being from the same party.

Mississippi plans to employ this method of voting in its November election to determine who will fill the rest of Senator Thad Cochran's senate term. Presumably if no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election would be held in December between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

The second unusual voting method was employed this year in Maine. This method is called the "ranked choice" system of voting. In this system each voter ranks all candidates for a given office in order of the voter's preference. Candidates for each party would still be handled separately. If no Republican candidate got a majority of the Republican votes cast, the Republican candidate with the fewest votes would be eliminated. The votes for this candidate would then be apportioned among the remaining candidates using the ranked votes from ballots for the candidate who received the least votes. Their second place votes would be considered first place votes and counted as votes for other candidates. The same method would be used for the Democratic candidates. In the Maine system, there are no runoff elections.

The system was on the 2018 ballot to determine whether it would be used in future elections. The result was 54.2% to 45.8% to keep this voting method for this year's November ballot. For a more detailed description of how this method works go to <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/06/12/us/elections/results-maine-primary-elections.html>. One advantage of this system is there are no runoff elections thus saving tax payers money.

NET NEUTRALITY takes effect

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently approved rules which would allow Internet providers to give Internet access at different speeds to subscribers. This could result in slower Internet speeds for individuals while business subscribers could get higher Internet speeds. How much this change in rules will affect individuals remains to be seen. It has been predicted that individuals might see their Internet speed decrease substantially while large corporations could get faster Internet speeds. This ruling is now in effect. Net neutrality can be restored either by Presidential Executive Order or by Congress passing a law. The Senate passed a joint resolution (S.J.Res.52) which, if passed, would restore net neutrality. (A joint resolution is handled in the same manner as a bill. The difference between a bill and a joint resolution is that a joint resolution is used for emergency situations to move legislation more rapidly.) S.J.Res.52 was sent to the House where it has not been brought to the floor for consideration.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

The Supreme Court recently ruled to allow Ohio to vigorously purge its voter rolls. The result of this is that the name of anyone not voting in an election could be removed from the voter rolls. Thus anyone who fails to vote in an election would need to re-register in order to vote in subsequent elections. Although this ruling applies to Ohio other states may

choose to adopt this strategy to control voting. You need to keep up with what is going on in your state to make sure that you are not removed from the voter roll and therefore are unable to vote.

NEW MEDICARE CARDS

New Medicare cards along with new non Social Security numbers are being issued. The new cards are similar to but not identical to the old cards.

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://www.usforumdkg.org/>

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Email access and addresses:

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.