

*The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.*

*-Harriet Ann Jacobs*



# Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Region VII, Eta State,  
North Carolina,  
Beta Delta Chapter,  
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Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Educators "Let's Sparkle!"

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## President's Message



Dear Members,  
The two years have passed very fast. What can I say? Well, we're Number 1 in Eta State. Our 715 points put us at the top. I am so thrilled for all of the hard work we did. Our journey to #1 started with Rinda Estes' tri-fold showing us where we were, Sheila Groves' and Elaine McRae's telling us what the report was asking for and the resulting gigantic notebook documenting what we had done—kept by Barbara Moore. All of you contributed points in some way so that it was a group effort. We have never won the Presidential Achievement Award before although we have been in the top five and have always been an excellent chapter. We also won an award for Excellence in Communication and Publication thanks to Marcia Wooten, Jenn Kunka, and Lisa Frissen. Also, Vandy Chum updated our pamphlet that Lisa Frissen attached to our web page. Thanks to Lisa for starting our Facebook page. Thanks to Dori Caligiure and Amanda Hagan for beginning the health initiative. Thanks to Claire Driscoll for being chair of the Greensboro Coordinating Council. Thanks to Sharon Page for a successful Holiday Brunch. Thanks to all of the committee chairs for getting members to

apply for scholarships, get reports in on time, and to Sheila and Elaine for providing information to help with decision making for our chapter, Leisa Huddleston for carrying out the process for membership, and Mary Pendergraft for editing my President's Message each time, Mary Sharp for proofing the agendas when I was beginning as President. Thanks to Vandy Chum for doing the computer work in helping me get agendas and reports out. Thanks to Zoe Dillard and Janis Antonek for giving programs. If I omitted you, forgive me. You were wonderful, and I cannot thank Beta Delta enough for all of the work each of you did. In our last meeting while I am President, we are ordering pizza and the church will provide a salad. Evie who has been such a wonderful social chair will bring a dessert. I will ask you to make a contribution toward paying for the pizza. I love each and every one of you and will continue to attend meetings and board meetings as immediate past president. I know you will be as cooperative with the incoming president as you have been with me. It's been a great ride. Good night and good luck.

Sincerely,  
*Ann Pember*  
President, Beta Delta (2016-2018)

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### Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 17  
5:00pm @ First Baptist Church  
Pizza supper, please bring \$ to donate and school supplies for Hampton Elementary

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## Highlights: February Meeting February 22, 2018

Our February meeting was held at First Baptist Church from 5:30-7:00pm with food catered by Mythos. We had 22 members in attendance and 1 guest, City Councilwoman Marikay Abuzuaiter.

Mary Sharpe opened with a meditation reflecting on the spring of 1975 when she heard about Delta Kappa Gamma as a young teacher. Mary then read us the words from Whitney Houston's song, "One Moment in Time" because the moment she heard about Delta Kappa Gamma was one that she will never forget. She reminded us that you never will know which moments will affect people in their lives.

Dori Caligiure shared a summary of what the board met and talked about earlier in February. She also shared the December Brunch minutes. They were approved as written by Ann Pember.

Elaine McRae shared a report on our membership. Hellen Medlin was featured in the paper. She is 105 and used to be a DKG member. She used to be a principal at Claxton Elementary. Shirley Harris was reinstated to reserve membership. Dr. Lois Edinger had been hospitalized with pneumonia but has been discharged and is back at her home. Dawn Potts has returned to the classroom.

Elaine McRae shared the treasurer's report. Our profit from the Christmas brunch was \$2013.49. Thanks to Richard and Sue Miller for their contribution of using their membership and not asking us to cover the \$200 for the use of the Country Club. Our balance as of 1/31/18 - \$8,444.80. For our debits we had:

- \$300 Fellowship awarded to non-member women educators who are continuing their education.
- \$300 Eta State Scholarship Fund
- \$10 – Pauline Longest Leadership Fund
- \$500 for Anna Joyce Reardon Award to Lisa Frissen for Austin DKG international convention.
- \$450.00 for Anna Joyce Reardon Award to Liliana Jordanov to attend the spring FLANC conference.
- \$362.91 for Shaw Lewis grant to Diana Parker from Hampton Elementary for a classroom rug.
- \$491.03 for Shaw Lewis grant to Heather McMurray from Hampton Elementary for a class iPad.
- \$299.99 for Shaw Lewis Grant to Brittany Crite from Jesse Wharton Elementary for a LAMP app for in her classroom.

Leisa Huddleston reported on the new member orientation which took place at Evie Derrickson's house on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 5:00pm. It went well and the sandwiches and soup were delicious.

- Megan Lynch- Second grade teacher at Hampton Elementary (no confirmation yet)
- Temple Eller- Latin Teacher at Grimsley (has agreed to join)
- Catherine Scott Little- Professor of Human Development at UNCG (has agreed to join)
- Elizabeth Wilbert- Spanish Lecturer at UNCG (has not yet decided if she is going to join)



## February Meeting Minutes Continued

Jenn Kunka shared this link to our updated member directory: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oB7FXrm-elTF-UTZSWV9GM1JpWHc> Copy and paste the URL to your browser and save it as a favorite. If you ever see any mistakes please let Jenn know so she can update and change it.

Sheila Groves gave us an updated on Hampton School. The teachers are thankful and excited for all the items they received. A book talk was held at the school on Feb. 28th for all the fourth graders. We were invited to attend. Shelia has made book boxes for the Kindergarten teachers at Hampton Elementary. If you have extra time they always need people who can sit and read with students.

Sheila Groves also reported on our work for the strategic plan. We need to put some specific actions in the plan. For example, objective 1.3 contact past members and see if they are interested in rejoining.

Claire Driscoll reported on plans for the new member orientation. Practice was Thursday March 15th at 5:00pm at First Baptist for the escorts. April 12th at 7pm was initiation at First Baptist church on Friendly. Dinner was at Lucky 32 beforehand.

Dori Caligiure shared a new idea to help keep members active. We know the biggest struggle with working out is time. Amanda Hagen created a calendar for the months of March, April and May of quick and easy workouts that last 10 mins or less. It is something simple and quick to do daily. A copy will also be emailed to everyone. If you complete the calendar email Dori or Amanda or post on Facebook and your name will be entered in a drawing each month! If you can't do an activity on the calendar feel free to substitute the activity. 16 members accepted the challenge.

Rinda Estes and Sheila Groves handed out Longevity Awards. Certificates were handed out to the following members for their years of membership.

Rebecca Willoughby – 18 years

Sharon Page- 21 years

Yvonne Woodward- 22 years

Alice Hill- 22 years

Mary Lynn Redmond- 23 years

Melissa Harrelson – 27

Elaine McRae- 40 years

Mary Sharpe- 43 years

Dr. Helen Killacky- 46 years

Betty McNairy – 53 years

Hellen Medlin- 57 years

Lois Edinger- 64 years

Sheila Groves- 21 years

Myra Aderholt- 21 years

Leisa Huddleston – 22 years

Evie Dickerson – 22 years

Cathy Wallen – 25 years

Helen Allen- 37 years

Gayle Manahan- 40 years

Dr. Isabelle Powell- 44 years

Ann Houseman- 49 years

Jane Mitchell – 53 years

Hazel Perritt– 61 years

The names of the people who have been here ten years or less were read and each was given a red rose.

Lisa Frissen reminded everyone to join our Facebook group if you haven't yet. Events and information are posted about the chapter. There is also something in the works to setup a Remind account for our chapter so that text reminders can be sent out the group. More information will be forthcoming.

Rinda Estes reported on the 2017-2018 Chapter Achievement Report. She and Barbara Moore updated the points on the poster. We are at 690 points which puts us in superior ranking. There is a notebook with all the documentation to show how the points were received. More points will be added with the scholarships and we should go above 700.

Sheila Groves announced that she would like to see the four local chapters come together and start a limited endowment in honor of Lynda Tamblyn. We could add it to the bylaws that each year we give \$250. A motion was made by Ann Pember and seconded by Elaine McRae to continue looking into it and participate. Sheila is willing to fill out the paper work.



## Initiation 2018

The Greensboro Coordinating Council Initiation took place on April 12, 2018 at First Baptist Church on West Friendly Avenue. Beta Delta members enjoyed a meal at Lucky 32 before the ceremony. At the church, Dr. Sara Massey provided music for the evening. We were welcomed by Claire Driscoll, Coordinating Council Chairman. The initiation ceremony followed where 14 new members were inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma. Two of Beta Delta's initiates were in attendance: Temple Eller and Catherine Scott Little. Megan Lynch was unable to attend due to illness. We were honored to have Ms. Tammy Larrick, the 2017 Elementary Teacher of the Year for Guilford County Schools, speak to us. Ms. Larrick focused on the importance of service learning and the efforts of her school to provide shoes to children in other countries who needed them. Our special guests for the evening were Connie Savell, Eta State NC President, Mary Beth Dailey, Region VII Director, and Sheila Groves, Eta State NC Immediate Past President. A reception followed.



## Beta Delta Member News



On Wednesday, February 28, 2018, North Carolina author, Julia Ebel came to visit Hampton to do a book talk with elementary students. She began by talking about Jack Tales and Mountain Yarns As Told by Orville Hicks. She spoke about some other ways we keep our stories and the fact that each of the students has stories to tell, too. We are thankful to Sheila Groves for making this book talk possible. To learn more about Julia Ebel, visit her website at: <http://juliaebel.com/>

Alice Hill just got back from a week in Connecticut visiting her daughter. She saw her grandson Kenneth perform as the Baker in a production of Into the Woods and also met the grandmother of another cast member who is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma!

Deb Paul would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers, kind words, and generosity after the tornado. "Our students and staff are settling in at Reedy Fork Elementary. We still don't know where we will be located next year, but are hoping to find out soon."

After 29 years, Mary Lynn Redmond has retired from Wake Forest University as Director of Foreign Language Education. Please visit this excellent article about Mary Lynn's career to find out more about one of our sparkling members: <http://college.wfu.edu/teacher-scholar-legacies-mary-lynn-redmond/>.



President Ann Pember visited her son and his family in Lancaster, PA the weekend of May 5 and had a wonderful time. She got to see her grandchildren play soccer and her grandson play the violin in a community orchestra. She also visited her other grandchildren and saw one of them act and sing in two plays in a Raleigh Community Theater. Ann saw her other grandson play ice hockey. He and his mother, Ann's daughter, are going to France and Rome this summer to study art in galleries.

Melissa Harrelson has had a busy spring! "When your oldest daughter calls and asks 'What are you doing for Easter?', you know something is up. Their family loves to cycle! They all participate in races, triathlons, etc. and had been researching trails to cycle as a family during spring break. So we became the drop-off, and more importantly, the pick-up car! They rode the American Tobacco Trail from Apex to Durham (23 miles). Then we drove to Williamsburg for the holiday and of course took in the sights and sounds. One day we drove them to



Richmond, VA and they rode the Virginia Capital Trail-- back to the Williamsburg active museum (52 miles). We met them half way during that ride for lunch and to be sure the 8 year-old wanted to go 'all the way.' He did! If you are into cycling, I highly recommend these trails! They considered the trail from Williamsburg to Jamestown, but it shared a main road most of the way and wasn't a great option with both children along. One picture is of them as they left Richmond and the other is all of us at one of the cannons at the Jamestown museum."

## Birthdays

### May

Ginger Parnell – May 6  
Rebecca Willoughby – May 30

### June

Helen Allen – June 6  
Liliana B. Jordanov – June 13

### July

Hazel Perritt – July 9  
Myra Moore Aderholdt – July 21  
Donna Ray – July 22

Did we forget you? Email the editor at [lfrissen72@gmail.com](mailto:lfrissen72@gmail.com)

## Important Dates

### Next Beta Delta Meeting

May 17, 2018  
First Baptist Church  
Lower auditorium  
5:00pm

### Tee Up for Teachers

June 11, 2018  
Boone Golf Club

### DKG International Convention

July 16 - 20, 2018  
JW Marriott, Austin, TX

### Convention Information:

<https://bit.ly/2ljeFFC>



## News from Eta State - Highlights from the Convention

### Friday

- Executive Board Meeting, with Eta State NC President Connie Savell presiding, heard reports from select officers and standing committees. (Reports of all committees and personnel were printed in the convention program.) Recommendations were approved for the changes to the Standing Rules. Linda Little and Susan Kuenzel, editors, gave a report on the 2007-2017 History Update book. The merger of Gamma Kappa and Alpha Tau chapters was approved. The 2020 convention to be held in Greensboro on May 1-3 was announced.
- The Opening General Meeting, focusing on chapter and member awards, began with music from the Independence High School Patriot Singers Chamber Choir, led by Beta Tau member Kiki Neale. Eleven members, one per region, received Golden Key Awards. Communications Committee recognized 32 chapters for Newsletter Excellence, 28 for Website Excellence, and 18 for Communications Excellence. Awards Committee announced Chapter Achievement Awards, including 15 Honorable Mention, 21 Distinctive, 19 Excellent, and 12 Superior. President Connie announced the five Presidential Chapter Achievement Awards.
- Our own Beta Delta chapter won the Presidential Achievement Award with a score of 715 points, the highest in the state. We were awarded a crystal vase with our achievement etched on it. We also received the Excellence in Communication award. Both awards will be presented at our May 17 meeting.



### Saturday

- The NC DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting convened and directors shared highlights of Year 3, including the awarding of five Foundation Literacy/Learning grants and three additional grants supported by the Cranford Endowment. Funds are over \$89,000 and grant awards next year will be available up to \$500 each.
- In the Second General Meeting, attendees heard reports, passed the proposed changes to the Eta State NC Standing Rules, and donated over \$1,600 during the "Passing the House" for Headquarters.
- Breakout sessions included 27 varied opportunities for learning.
- The Banquet Honoring Presidents featured a tribute to chapter presidents and guest speaker and Society Representative Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, Immediate Past International President, who spoke about DKG Icon Women and the opportunities for leadership provided by DKG. Two scholarship recipients were recognized.



### Sunday

- The Ceremony of Remembrance honored 49 sisters with white roses. The Convention Chorus performed.
- The Birthday Brunch, presided over by First Vice-president Dr. Teresa Cowan, included thanks for support of the convention project, the recognition of Rising Star Award honorees, and laughs with the guest speaker Edna Thayer.
- Dr. Sara Massey, Music Representative, showcased her many talents throughout the convention. In addition to directing the convention chorus, she played the piano, flute, and sang.



## Webinars and Videos Provide Help on the Proposed Amendments

International President Carolyn Pittman has been holding webinars to explore the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules. There is one more webinar scheduled—on Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (noon EDT). Members must register to attend a webinar and will view the presentation via computer access. To register or for more information, visit [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

If you cannot make the May 19 webinar with President Carolyn, there are videos available on the International website that explain the “stories” behind the amendments. There is also a series of FAQs. Check them out at [http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2018\\_Proposed\\_amendments.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2018_Proposed_amendments.aspx). (Look down to the right for a box with links to the six short videos regarding the “stories” about proposals.)

## 2007-2017 History Book on Sale

The newly published Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina: Eta State 2007-2017 was released at the April Eta State NC Convention in Charlotte.

Copies are still available for \$15 (payable to Eta State). A majority of the proceeds from book sales will go to Headquarters. Contact Susan Kuenzel, Eta Data Editor, to order.

To learn more about this book, click [here](#).

## NC Legislature Begins “Short Session”

By: *Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

Wednesday, May 16, marks the opening of the short session at the General Assembly and, as many of you know, a very large crowd of public education supporters will be on hand to welcome lawmakers back to Raleigh on this “Day of Advocacy.” A number of DKG members will be in attendance as well to show support and respect for educators and to encourage legislators to increase school funding to address the needs of students and schools.

At the recent Eta State NC Convention Sen. Jeff Tarte encouraged DKG members at the Educational Law & Policy Committee’s workshop to go speak to lawmakers at every opportunity and to take many facts about what is happening in our schools and also ideas about what needs to happen. Always tell them the benefits that will be derived from support for strong schools. He reminded members that “we are the experts.”

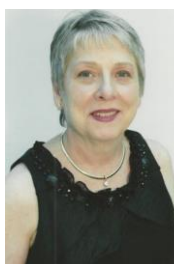
The short session is held to review the 2-year state budget that was developed last year. News reports reveal that the state has taken in 3 to 4 hundred million dollars more than budgeted, so supporters need to request that these funds be used for educational needs.

DKG’s Legislative Days are June 6, 13 and 20 when members are encouraged to meet in the front lobby of the legislative building on Jones Street in Raleigh at 9:00 a.m. and then visit their Representatives and Senators. Make appointments ahead of time, share DKG’s White Paper (on the DKG website) of school needs, and be sure to wear your pin. See you there!

## Message from the Eta State President

Eta State **SPARKLED** at our 84th Convention Charlotte

- ❖ Region VI **SPARKLED**
- ❖ Nancy Tunstall designed a beautiful program—Let’s **SPARKLE!**
- ❖ Eta State NC conducted business and made plans for the future
- ❖ Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid spoke to us on the DKG ICON Women
- ❖ Edna Thayer had us laughing to promote Wellness
- ❖ Sara Massey orchestrated beautiful music with the help of Tunisia Bullock, Pat Taylor, Aaron Matson, Addison Standifer, Kamryn Campbell and the convention chorus
- ❖ The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Awards were given to Margaret McGinnis and Bess Phifer on Saturday evening
- ❖ The Awards, Communications, and Scholarship Committees recognized members and chapters
- ❖ We had informative Breakout Sessions
- ❖ Ceremony of Remembrance celebrated the lives of our beloved sisters
- ❖ Eta State 2007-2017 History written by Linda Little and Susan Kuenzel was available for purchase



Thank you to Region VI for making everyone feel so welcomed! The convention was special because of the leadership of our officers, related personnel, regional directors, past presidents, committee chairs and members!

Thank you!

Let’s Sparkle!

Connie Phifer Savell, Eta State NC President

### Let’s SPARKLE!

#### Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, 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

## U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #172, APRIL 2018 (Updated: May 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](mailto: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.

### What's in the new budget

The new budget contains a \$2.6 billion increase for the Department of Education. This increase includes a \$300 million increase for Title I. Also included are increases in funding for students with disabilities, and career and technical education. Additionally \$2.1 billion is allocated for education development, Title 4 block grants, and after school programs. A program which was eliminated is School Recruitment and Support which trains and helps recruit school administrators. Although there was no money for school choice, the funding for charter schools did increase. The STOP School Violence Act (H.R.4909, S.2495) was incorporated into the budget bill, but the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative which was a Department of Justice backed program to research evidence-based issues involved in school safety was discontinued. The law does allow Title IV money to be spent on student safety and mental health issues.

### DISMISSAL OF SPECIAL ED COMPLAINTS

As a result of the adoption of new guidelines for disability related complaints at the U.S. Department of Education, all previous complaints have been thrown out. Even though an educator has previously filed a complaint, a new complaint must be filed. As noted in the April 11, 2018 of Education Week: "Marcia Lipett, a special education advocate in Franklin, Mich, estimates during the past two years she has filed more than 2,400 complaints to the Education Department over educational entities that have websites that are inaccessible to those who are blind, or visually impaired or who cannot use a mouse to navigate a website. Her targets have included school systems, universities, library systems, and state departments of education. Last month, Lipsitt began receiving notices that the cases were being dismissed, including complaints that had been filed months ago and were in the process of being investigated. The dismissals were not made on the merits of the cases; she was told that the civil rights office was following a new process established March 5 in a revision of its 'case processing manual.'" This new process should be brought to the attention of anyone who has filed or might need to file a special education complaint. They need to file another complaint if the original complaint was filed prior to March 5, 2018.

### REVISED US FORUM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

The newly revised, proposed 2018 United States Forum Operational Guidelines can now be viewed on the US Forum website <http://www.usforumdkg.org/operational-guidelines.html>. Be sure to look these over carefully as they will be voted on at International this summer.

### SHOOTING VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The recently introduced Extreme Risk Protection Order and Violence Prevention Act of 2018 (S.2607, S.2521) was scripted following the shootings in Parkland Florida. Both bills have been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Since both Democrats and Republicans are involved in writing these bills, it is hoped that action to move a combination out of committee and onto the Senate floor for a vote in the near future.

### MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT

In this session of Congress the Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act (S.1804, H.R.676) has been filed in both houses of Congress and was referred to committee in both houses.

### FIGHTING ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING BECOMES LAW

Several bills related to Sex Trafficking were combined and signed into Federal Law number 115-164 on April 11, 2018. This deals with on-line sex trafficking and makes the on line providers more accountable for what is posted on their web sites. It also provides for a fine or 10 years in prison or both. Additionally, it provides an enhanced penalty of a fine and up to 25 years in prison in a case where five or more instances of sex trafficking occur.

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### 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](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

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White House 1-202-456-1111

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