

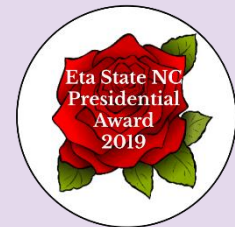


"Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."
— Helen Keller

Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Region VII, North Carolina
Delta Kappa Gamma,
Beta Delta Chapter,
Greensboro, NC



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

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President's Message



Our May meeting was well-attended and productive. Evie's team put together a lovely meal that made our evening delicious and delightful!

chapter nominees for Rising Star (Lisa Frissen) and Golden Key (Sharon Page), even as we grieve the passing of Dr. Amy Williamsen. We shared some happenings in our lives, and our concern for absent members who are dealing with personal or family health issues.

Our consensus was that our chapter should help new teachers with supplies and other possible means of support. When we have current information regarding school contacts and positions in Fall 2019, we will make more specific decisions about how we can assist our newest area educators. I'm proud of the participation and lively discussion in which we engaged, spurring our chapter forward, continuing to make a difference in the lives of teachers and children in our community. Thank you for being the giving, caring, key women educators that you are!

Spring-boarding from the inspiration from our NC State Convention in Hickory, we focused on service – those who have exemplified service, and our service vision for the future. We heard from Deb Paul about her Hampton experience and valuable observations concerning the importance of support for new teachers. We listened to Kim Pemberton relate how her university students are engaging in a successful literacy tutoring project – an example of how valuable the expertise of our members is, and that some of our most powerful and accessible educational resources can be found in one another. We celebrated each other, recognizing our

Here's to a rejuvenating summer,
Zoe

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Highlights: February Business Meeting February 21, 2019



Our February meeting took place at First Baptist Church at 6:00pm. Members enjoyed a pot luck supper after a devotional. President Zoe Dillard opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of Leisa Huddleston, our Membership Chair, Elaine McRae and Evie Derrickson for coordinating the New Member Orientation held the week before. Zoe also explained that the crystal vases our chapter has received in the past for

Chapter Achievement awards were brought to the meeting and will be held in trust by those who were past presidents when the awards were received. The vases can be brought to meetings and used at various functions as needed. Big thanks were given to Ann Pember for all her work on the Chapter Achievement Award for this year.



Janis Antonek shared the short story she wrote which was submitted for entry to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery (Unfortunately, her entry was not selected for the Gallery but her story is featured on page 6 so all can read it.) Sharon Page also submitted a photo for the Gallery which was featured in our winter newsletter and which can be viewed on the [DKG Fine Arts Gallery](#).

Our chapter's nominees for awards were announced: Golden Key – Sharon Page, Rising Star – Lisa Frissen, Founders Award – Dr. Jane Mitchell.



Reminders were given for the State Convention in Hickory, May 3-5 and the International Convention in Asheville, June 27-30.

Vice-President Lisa Frissen delivered the program for the meeting. Each table was given a puzzle to solve. When

the puzzle was correctly put together, facts about our founders could be read. Lisa then handed out a sheet with questions about the founders. Groups could only answer the questions once they solved the puzzle. The group that answered all questions first and correctly, won their choice of candy bars.



DID YOU KNOW?

- *Mamie Sue Bastian encouraged the singing of songs at chapter meetings because she herself loved to sing.*
- *Annie Webb Blanton was a twin, taught in a one-room schoolhouse and made an unsuccessful bid for election to the U.S. Congress.*
- *Lalla Odom almost didn't get a regular contract for teaching because she was married?*
- *Some of the founders competed against each other to see who could found chapters first in different cities.*



Beta Delta Member News

In March, most of my family and I took a Magical trip to Disney World! Since it had been 33 years since I visited this magical world, of course, so much had changed! It was a joy to experience it through our 5 year old grandson, Duncan, as well as my two adult children, daughter-in-law & hubby.

- Mary Sharpe



What a wonderful opportunity presented itself in May for Tanya Feagins. She was visiting Austin, Texas, and sightseeing the city, Hill County and attending a wedding for a close family friend with a reunion of the Brown Clan. Her husband's cousin Joe knew how much visiting the headquarters for DKG would mean. He escorted her and husband David to a tour of DKG headquarters located adjacent to the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. They were met by membership

specialist Bill Staples a retired high school educator. Bill and the staff received them with a warm welcome and personalized tour. It was like being greeted by family and given a red carpet treatment. Bill shared the history of the society, pointed out precious artifacts and furniture all gifted to DKG, and shared all the operations of the society. Tanya would encourage any "sister" to visit, support the foundation, and help to grow membership. DKG has a history of promoting women educators and leading in the mission of enlightenment for all citizens.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Lynn Redmond from Wake Forest University who was awarded the 2019 SCOLT Founders Award. The SCOLT Board of Directors presents the Founders Award when deemed appropriate to a member who has made significant contributions to SCOLT over the years and who exemplifies the spirit and ideals of the founders of the organization. Dr. Redmond's leadership in post-secondary education has had ripple effects that have positively affected local, national, and international language learning.



Liliana Jordanov wanted to share that Dr. Amy Williamsen participated every year in the GCS Global Education Conferences since it started in 2013. She knowledgeably and cheerfully promoted UNCG Romance Language Programs, their career opportunities, as well as their resources for language students and teachers.

On a personal note from Liliana: I was named 2019 NC A&T Middle College Teacher of the Year and bought a new townhouse: a very eventful spring!

New member Catherine Clifton recently traveled to Atlanta to present and moderate at the National Board for Certified Counselors Foundation's 2019 Bridging the Gap Symposium. NBCCF runs the Minority Fellowship Program, giving grants to master's and doctoral students who choose to expand counseling services for underserved and never-served communities. Catherine's session, her first solo professional presentation ever, was called "How To Write Right: The Art of Getting Published." Attendees gave her tons of positive feedback, so she's celebrating the new experience as a success! (Check out Catherine's post in our Facebook group!)

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

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

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

Important Dates

International Conference: Arts & Humanities
Asheville, NC
June 27-29, 2019

Registration information online:
dkg.org

Join us for NC DKG Night Out! Friday night at Int'l will be special for NC DKG members with an event at Bellagio in Biltmore Village, "Art to Wear" from 4:30-7:00pm followed by dinner at TGI Friday. Email [Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon](mailto:Dr.BarbaraPerry-Sheldon) if interested.

DUES ARE DUE!

Please pay by June 17th!
Please mail \$75, active members or \$23, reserve members to:
Elaine McRae
3518 Old Onslow Road
Greensboro, NC 27407

Never Too Old

Short Story by Janis Antonek
Submitted for entry to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery

Usually by the time couples are about to retire, they focus on getting rid of collections and downsizing. Not Janelle and Dan. While they didn't collect much anymore, stopping at a thrift store still brought them great joy. This evening was no exception. Upon walking through the front doors, Janelle beelined to the clothing section and Dan to the book isle. Although computer savvy, he preferred reading paperbacks.

In the back corner of the store, Dan found a UNC Chapel Hill insulated cup. The couple's love of their alma mater was as strong now as it was when they graduated nearly forty years ago. The cup looked unused and cost only 49¢. Score! It would be perfect for football Saturdays in North Carolina. Go Tarheels!

Among the racks, only about twenty-four inches apart, Janelle brushed shoulders with a store employee, an older woman, probably close to her own age. "Excuse me," they both chimed simultaneously. With platinum blonde hair, a tiny waist, and a sculpted figure, to Janelle, the woman looked like an all-American, local version of Dolly Parton.

"Not a problem," said the woman who was rearranging sweaters. Janelle turned, spotting a charcoal-gray, Italian, Merino wool sweater, precisely her size, precisely her style. Having just reorganized this section, "Dolly" turned to Janelle and said, "Look at this sweater. It's so cute and would fit you perfectly."

Janelle's face flashed a warm smile of gratitude, but her mind initiated a quick, internal monologue of disgust. She wondered how anyone could wear an off-white sweater with thick, shaggy cotton yarn that looped and looped, resembling a giant mophead. "Feel how heavy it is," Dolly pointed out, continuing to engage Janelle in conversation.

"I'll bet it's really comfortable. Try it on. You would look great in this sweater," continued Dolly. Janelle didn't even want to touch the sweater, much less try it on. While the suggestion didn't mesh with her personal fashion style, Janelle was impressed the employee was so personable. Perhaps she would write a favorable letter to her manager. Janelle took note of her name, Angel. Really...Angel?

Angel stood there, as if hoping Janelle would take the sweater. Janelle wanted to blurt out, "Look at the tailored clothing I'm wearing. Do you honestly believe I'd stand in front of a classroom and teach wearing a mop head? Can you imagine how students would react?" However, not wanting to deflate Angel's enthusiasm, she replied, "Honey, I am so clumsy, surely I'd pick those loops and snag that sweater." Not missing a beat, Angel replied, "Why, it probably wouldn't even be noticeable." They both giggled at the same time.

Janelle responded, "Probably not, but, I'd feel rather foolish being hooked to the edge of a chalkboard or to a student's backpack." Again, the two chuckled. Angel returned the sweater to the rack and headed to the next aisle to reorganize another section.

In a few minutes, Janelle overheard Angel talking to another employee. "Now Justin..." Angel's voice trailed off and Janelle wasn't at all interested in listening in on their conversation. As she moved into the next isle, she couldn't help but hear Justin's next comment to his older co-worker, "You can be a lesbian if you want to."

'You can be a lesbian if you want to'. Janelle's first thought was that the intergenerational support was sweet, with the younger employee providing reassuring words to his older co-worker. Next, Janelle wondered if she had been oblivious to a possible pick up line. 'You would look great in this sweater'. Regardless; the conversation had been pleasant; great human interaction. Janelle's mind went back to the young employee. It did seem that in the 21st century, so much of the educating was trickling up from young to old. Janelle observed the trend firsthand in her own classroom. She was learning so much from her high school students. Decidedly, the younger generation was shaping the norms for social interaction. Lately, there had been times when Janelle felt completely irrelevant.

Janelle headed to the check out, meeting up with Dan. "I see you found some books," she called out as she saw him walking her way with an armload of paperbacks. "Yeah, these ought to hold me for a week," he joked.

Checking in with him, Janelle reported, "I only found one thing, this Italian Merino wool sweater. You should have seen the one I resisted. It looked just like a giant mophead." At the checkout counter, on a completely different topic, Janelle overheard Justin telling a co-worker, "I'm going to tweet out that comment about disinfecting the store." The two young men laughed.

Janelle had to add her two cents. She looked at Justin and, using her teacher voice, told him, "The real tweet of the night was your comment to Angel." Justin looked at her blankly. Janelle reminded him, "You said, 'You can be a lesbian if you want to'. He grinned. Janelle probed, "I can't help thinking there is a backstory here."

Justin replied. "Yeah, Angel set up a dating site and accidentally checked in her profile that she is a lesbian. I think she should keep it, just to be funny."

Janelle was shocked! Angel? A dating site? Without missing a beat, Janelle looked at Justin and said, gently, but firmly, "No. Issues of sexuality shouldn't be approached jokingly. Please encourage Angel to build a profile to find the person of her dreams." Justin nodded in agreement. "Yes, ma'am. You're right."

Dan was well aware that he'd missed a big chunk of the interaction. As they exited, trying to add levity to the situation, Dan turned to Justin and added, "It amazes me how much she learns about people in a matter of a few minutes."

Janelle smiled, waved goodbye, and thought to herself, "Maybe, just maybe, I am still relevant, after all."

Beta Delta Member Spotlight - Dr. Amy Williamsen



In this issue of our newsletter, we would like to pay tribute to Dr. Amy Williamson who passed away in a tragic accident on April 22, 2019. We would like to remember Amy for the brilliant, fun-loving friend, educator, and mother that she was.

Amy was born on December 31, 1959 in Walnut Creek, CA. She graduated from high school at the age of 16 and went on to earn her PhD in Spanish by the age of 23. Her teaching career which spanned more than thirty years included teaching at Occidental College, serving as Associate Head of the University of Arizona's Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Amy was the Inaugural Head of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Her research and teaching interests included Early Modern Peninsular Literature, Women Writers of Spain and Latin America, Theater and Performance Studies, Contemporary Literary Theory, and Cognitive Science. Amy was also a widely published author and was working on a book-length project entitled: *The Critical Quest: Lessons from the Margins of Early Modern Spanish Literature*.

The Chancellor of UNCG stated: "Amy was passionate about diversity and inclusion, and particularly about supporting the Latinx community at UNCG. She was a leader on campus, establishing the Alianza network for Latinx faculty, students, and staff, and she played a key role in the CHANCE program, which introduces Latinx high school students to the University. In recognition of those accomplishments, she was selected to receive the 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Award. Amy was also an accomplished scholar and translator and the co-founder of GAMELDA, a scholarly organization dedicated to the study of women's cultural production in medieval and early modern Spain and colonial Latin America."

Amy was known for her love of life, laughter, travel, languages, dance and cooking. Her sponsor for Beta Delta and friend, Alice Hill, stated: "I proposed Amy for membership in Beta Delta because I recognized in her that spark that true teachers are born with.... the desire to make lives better. We lost her too soon." Amy was survived by her son Erik Ceron; mother Clara (Aasland) Williamsen; sister Tora Williamsen-Berry, John Berry and their son Pablo; partner Cleveland McLemore; and many friends.

A memorial-themed worship service was held in her honor on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Several members attended and could attest to the many accomplishments Amy had, one of which certainly were the students who loved her and grieved her passing.



It is the tradition at UNCG to hold an event each fall to honor the recipient of the Dean's Award for Diversity and Inclusiveness so this fall the event will honor Dr. Amy Williamsen. The event will take place September 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 in the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House. The university also invites anyone who knew her to honor Amy by giving to a scholarship that has been established in her name. This scholarship will be used to support the Latinx students for whom she was such a tireless advocate. The goal is to raise \$25,000, which would establish an endowment and enable this scholarship to continue in perpetuity.

A Celebration of the Legacy of Dr. Amy Williamsen

Professor of Spanish, UNC Greensboro
Recipient of the 2019 Dean's Award for Diversity & Inclusiveness

"Amy's efforts to make UNCG a more inclusive institution are almost legendary and will have a lasting impact on the lives of many students, faculty and staff." - Dr. Carmen Sotomayor



September 17th | 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
UNCG Virginia Dare Room

Funds from the Amy Williamsen Scholarship will be used to support Latinx students at UNC Greensboro.
Online gifts can be made to this fund at: <https://advancement.uncg.edu/giving>
Choose "other designation" and list the "Amy Williamsen Memorial Scholarship"

Checks may be mailed to:
UNC Greensboro | University Advancement
PO BOX 26170 | Greensboro, NC 27402-6170
Put "Amy Williamsen Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line.



Please come, all are welcome.

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New Member Induction 2019

The Greensboro Coordinating Council Induction took place on April 4, 2019 at First Baptist Church on West Friendly Avenue. Beta Delta members enjoyed a meal at Lucky 32 before the ceremony. At the church, music was provided by Susan Kunar. We were welcomed by Sandra Canipe and Nancy Godwin, Coordinating Council Chairmen. The induction ceremony followed where 18 new members were inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma. Beta Delta's inductees were: Hannah Caldwell, Catherine Clifton, April Dunovant, Savannah Hamilton, Francine Scott, Melody Smith, and Ana Wells. Ms. Shiela Patterson, 2018 NC Regional Teacher of the Year from Stokes County Schools was our Guest Speaker. Our special guests for the evening were Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC Vice-President; Peggy Stuart, Region VII Director; and Sheila Groves, Eta State NC Immediate Past President. A reception followed the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

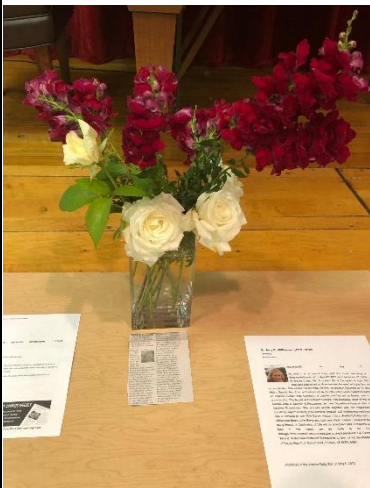


Highlights: May Business Meeting May 9, 2019



President Zoe Dillard opened the meeting by going over the different awards that the Chapter won from convention. The website award, the newsletter award, and the chapter Achievement award which was Superior. (The highest level you can receive.)

Zoe's expressed her gratitude to the chapter for supporting her efforts to attend both the state convention and southeastern conference. She stated, "It was truly a growth experience that will allow me to be a better chapter member and president. One of the speakers at convention said, 'Teachers are the artists of human potential.' When I heard that statement, it made me prouder than ever to be part of our organization."



A vase of white roses and red snap dragons was placed at the front of the room in honor of Dr. Amy Williamsen. Her passing on April 22nd was a shock and terrible loss for her family, friends, colleagues and the educational community. Some were able to attend the service dedicated to Amy at her church. At its conclusion, Zoe's mother declared she felt that she knew Amy because of all the endearing comments people made about her energy, dedication and loving and joyful personality. She will be missed. The vase is one our chapter was awarded when Mary Sharpe was chapter president. Our chapter won this award again this year but now digital badges will be given for the newsletters and websites.

Dinner was catered by Stamey's BBQ. A donation basket was placed to help with the costs. Thank you to Evie and the social committee for putting together the meal.

Supporting Hampton:

Deb Paul spoke about Hampton and how we have supported the staff. Five years ago, Hampton went through the re-start program which means extended days (40 minutes) and an extra ten kid days and ten workdays. The school is Title 1 and it was hard to staff teachers, which meant they had a majority of brand-new teachers. First grade was chosen to be the grade level that was supported. They were supported for three years. It was such an asset to those teachers. After those teachers move onto other places, Shelia continued to work with a teacher, Diana, who loves and appreciate all her help. Deb feels that it is very important to continue to support brand-new teachers especially with time and listening. Deb's school has been doing a book study on, "Succeeding Where you are Supposed to Fail". It is an inspirational book and something new teachers need to hear.

New members:

Leisa Huddleston recognized and welcomed the new members of our chapter.

Discussion of what to do for our Community outreach since Hampton will be closing:

We discussed how to be a volunteer in GCS. There is an online form to fill out and it usually takes 24 hours to be approved. Shelia shared how she has been volunteering and what she does. Rose shared a website, NAEIR.org where you can go and buy bulk items for teaching supplies. You have to apply but it is free. Starter buckets were suggested for the new teachers to have supplies. We will





look to see who is where next year, and see how we can support. Rose spoke up that she would like help at Eastern Middle because it has a lot new teachers and she is the lead mentor.

Dr. Kim Pemberton

Kim shared that she received a grant a few years ago for reading literacy. She has started a group called RISE. In the college course she teaches she a group of students who tutor students. The students are tutored once a week for one and a half hours. Parents come for the last 15 minutes to share what was done in the class and what could be done at home to help them. Kim is willing to share information on Literacy if needed. This could help with the beginning teachers if literacy is a weak area.

Activity:

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain, by Verna Aardema

This activity is an example of using theatre skills to approach reading. The book was read aloud with movements and different members read the different parts.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of 4/30/19: \$6,559.39

Expenses since the last meeting:

Induction materials, Inductee meals and ceremony, :\$271.83

President Zoe's reimbursement for Hickory State Convention and Asheville International Convention, \$302.00.

Chapter Awards, \$86.45.

Finance Recognition:

Rose drove to Hickory last Saturday to attend DKG new dues structure workshop. Elaine is proposing Rose and Vandy Chhum begin shadowing the Finance Committee and Treasurer to begin the process of becoming BD's treasurer.

Thank you to Alice Hill for paying her dues first and for Jane Mitchell for being second!

Change for Africa was sent around and collected.

Membership News: Glad News and Sad news

Donna Ray's health concern- multiple falls, elbow joint 60-80% destroyed. The ligaments cannot be reattached.

Dr. Amy Williamsen- untimely passing

Alice Hill- is doing great!!

Kelly Arnold- Orange County Schools Teacher of the Year.



Awards were given to members from Shelia Groves and Elaine McCrae:
Golden Key Award was given to Sharon Page for all her hard work and dedication
The Rising star Award was given to Jenn Kunka, Dori Caligiure, and Lisa Frissen.

Shelia Groves discussed grants and scholarships that are available to members please contact her if you have any questions.

International Convention will be in Asheville.

Have you joined our Facebook Group?

What are you waiting for? Search Facebook for "Beta Delta, NC Delta Kappa Gamma" and click "Join group."

News from Eta State - Highlights from State Convention



Friday Evening

The 2019 NC DKG Convention "Celebrating 85 Years! Share the Sparkle!" was held at the Hickory Crowne Plaza. Region X welcomed members with goody bags, smiles, and hugs. The NC DKG Executive Board met in the afternoon. For a full list of actions taken by the Executive Board please see page 7 of the state [newsletter](#).

Musical entertainment was provided by the South Caldwell High School Jazz Ensemble 1 under the direction of Jonathan Stafford. Hickory mayor, Hank Guess, welcomed attendees to Hickory, expounding on how Hickory has grown over the last few years. Awards were presented for newsletter, website, and communications excellence as well as the Golden Key, Chapter Achievement, and Presidential Chapter Awards.

Saturday

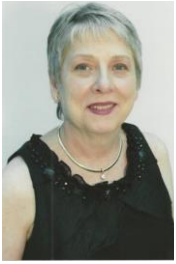
Dr. Judith Carlson, Alpha Gamma, began the Saturday events by conducting The NC DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting. NC DKG President Connie Savell, Delta Tau, presided over the General/Business Meeting. Due to flight delays, Connie Savell presented the report from International for Cathy Daugherty, Alpha Alpha, VA, DKG International President and Society Representative. Members heard numerous reports, approved the proposed amendments to the NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules, collected \$2,005 for headquarters during "Pass the House," and heard an invitation to the 2020 Convention May 1-3, 2020, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Thirty-one workshops on various topics were available for participants to attend on Saturday afternoon.

The Presidents Reception was held before the banquet with time for fellowship and photo opportunities. A banquet honoring chapter presidents was the highlight of Saturday evening. The Freedom High School Chamber Singers (Morganton), directed by Mara Walker, presented vocal selections before the banquet. Chapter presidents were honored with a pictorial tribute, and scholarships were awarded to Catherine Deaton, Beta Beta, and Kristen Vann, Alpha Phi. DKG International President Cathy Daugherty presented the program "Seizing Opportunities" that encouraged all members to be bold and embrace opportunities for leadership and service to DKG and to the communities where they live and teach. The evening ended with the installation of the 2019-2021 state officers and the presentation of the Order of the Dogwood to the outgoing president, Connie Savell.

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Message from the NC DKG President



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Eta State NC President the past two years. On reflection your cooperation, support, passion and dedication to the purposes of DKG have inspired me as we have carried out the work of our Society!

Committees have prepared workshops, trained leaders, advocated for current educational issues in Raleigh, distributed chapter achievement and communications awards, awarded scholarships, presented the 85th Birthday Beginning Teacher Award and taken care of the business of North Carolina. The

Executive Board this biennium, at the request of chapters, has merged two chapters, dissolved two

chapters and approved the expansion of Alpha Theta in 2020.

During our May Executive Board meeting, we appointed a new treasurer and in the business meeting we elected a new slate of officers. Our state officers, related personnel, representatives, and committees spend many hours in preparation for our annual convention. I would like to thank you for your service to our state organization.

One of the greatest joys of serving the last two years has been visiting chapters because North Carolina has Savvy Leaders who are passionate and plan meaningful programs and projects in your communities while supporting Beginning Teachers, Schools for Africa and World Fellowship. I have been amazed at how chapters have embraced the Wellness theme and Sparkled with enthusiasm to support the goals of the biennium. While visiting chapters, I have had the opportunity to connect and reconnect with friends across the state as well as meet new friends. The warmth and welcoming feeling were always present, and it felt like I had known everyone all my life. The genuine spiritual fellowship of Delta Kappa Gamma is truly special.

I have watched members across the state assume new roles and grow as leaders, and I look forward to seeing you Share the Sparkle!

I am grateful for the officers and related personnel who have shared knowledge, wisdom, skills, talents, and ideas to make me shine. I will hold dear the memories of the past two years as Eta State NC President.

Let's SPARKLE!

Connie Savell

Eta State NC President 2017-2019

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

Highlights from State Convention

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Sunday

The Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday honored 47 sisters with white roses. Dr. Teresa Cowan, first vice-president, Alpha Phi, presided over the 85th annual Birthday Brunch. Michelle Beningo, Alpha Phi, delivered the final "sparkling" inspiration. Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair, Tammy Albright, Delta Iota, presented the NC DKG Beginning Teacher Award to Hannah Davis, Beta Omicron. Immediate Past President Sheila Groves, Beta Delta, recognized the 2019 Rising Star honorees with pins and certificates. Donna Rudisill, Nu, Awards Committee chair, recognized Betty Debnam Hunt as the recipient of the 2019 NC DKG Founders Award. President Connie Savell, Delta Tau, passed the gavel to in-coming NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan, Alpha Phi.

Convention Dates

June 27 - 29, 2019 — Southeast International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

May 1 - 3, 2020 — Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 7 - 11, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA,

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>
NC DKG Website: www.ncdkg.org

State Name Change Adopted



Members attending the state convention in early May voted to pass all the presented amendments to the state Bylaws and Standing Rules, thus making the name change official—Eta State is now The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as NC DKG.

The change was part of an alignment of the state documents with the International Constitution and Standing Rules adopted at the convention last summer in Austin.

Highlights of the convention include attendance by International President Cathy Daugherty, chapter and individual awards, work-shops, vendors, and the Ceremony of Remembrance. See the Summer Eta State News coming out soon for complete details.

It's Now or Never... for this Go 'Round

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee



Right now in Raleigh legislators on both sides of the aisle in both the House of Representatives and the Senate are wrestling with the state budget that will guide state funding for the next two years. This means NOW is the time to contact your senator and

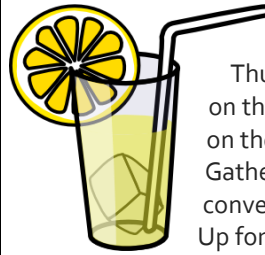
your representative to urge greater support for public education. NC still lags behind the national average in teacher salaries, ranking 34th in the nation. Adjusted for inflation, NC teacher salaries are currently 10.8% lower than they were 10 years ago in the midst of the great recession.

Likewise, NC spending is \$2,957 less per student than the national average, with a ranking of 42nd in the nation. One flawed bill being considered takes away \$37 million from local school districts and gives it directly to classroom teachers to buy supplies on a designated website. This leaves the local school systems with no funding to provide commonly used materials and equipment such as copiers and maintenance of such items. Finally, please speak up for more school psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses, and librarians and object to a virtual (computer-based) preschool program.

Go to www.ncleg.gov to find contact information for all senators and representatives. Your students are depending on you!

International Conference Kicks Off with Fun Activities

Fun on the Lawn



The Arts & Humanities International Conference in Asheville kicks off on

Thursday June 27, 5:00-6:30 p.m., with Fun on the Lawn. Join DKG members and friends on the green space outside the Expo Center. Gather together in the fresh mountain air for conversation, artisans, musicians, and games! Up for a little friendly state rivalry? Start a game

of corn hole, Frisbee toss, or checkers. Be sure to take part in the Collaborative Weaving project that will grow throughout the weekend. Choose from a variety of locally gathered materials provided for all of us to weave into this unique work of art. Remember sun hats or visors, comfy clothes, and maybe a little insect repellent to make this time outside more enjoyable. Cookies and lemonade are waiting for you in the Expo building, courtesy of NC DKG.

NC Theme Night

The first General Session begins at 7:00 p.m. and is immediately followed by entertainment as the FUN continues with more local artists. Traditional music and dance entertainers, The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers, will perform. Use your Theme Night ticket to claim a small pottery piece handmade by local DKG members with assistance from artist Sarah Anne Eller.



Volunteers Still Needed

NC DKG members are encouraged to volunteer to help at the conference in Asheville. Let [Tobey Worthington](#) know if you are available, especially to help coordinate technology during the workshops. Also let Tobey know if you have outdoor games or pop-up tents you will share.

VOLUNTEER
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Join Us for NC DKG Friday Night Out - A Unique Experience Just for You

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, SER Steering Committee Member

Friday will offer an experience you will not want to miss. First is an "Art to Wear" event at [Bellagio in Biltmore Village](#). Bellagio "showcases exquisite collections of distinctive & artisan made clothing, jewelry, accessories, and event wear." There will be wine, light refreshments and fashions to enjoy. This event is open to all conference attendees Friday, June 28, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. DKG members also receive a gift bag and 20% discount coupon from Bellagio! Come anytime then stay for dinner at TGI Friday. NC DKG members are invited to join fellow sisters for dinner at TGI Friday in Biltmore Village. Reservations are for 7:00 p.m. in a semi-private room that will accommodate up to 45 people. Plenty of additional seating is available outside the semi-private room but the NC DKG reservation for 45 people is set for 7:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend the International conference and/or the NC DKG dinner at TGI Friday, please let Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon know. Email her at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

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ERA UPDATE

There are 38 states needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and currently 37 states have ratified it. Three states are considering whether or not to ratify the amendment. The most likely 38th state is Virginia where the amendment passed the Senate this year; while the House vote ended up in a 50:50 tie. The thought is that if ERA doesn't pass the Virginia legislature this session, Virginia will likely pass it next year. Currently there is ERA activity in Arizona and North Carolina. A new twist has been added since this was last reported. The time limit on the amendment is contained in the preamble. The states voting to ratify the amendment did not vote on the preamble which contains the time limit. Previously it was thought that either Congress would have to pass an amendment to the original bill extending the time limit or Congress would have to pass an entirely new bill. It has recently been noted that there is a third way by which the amendment would take effect. This would be to leave the amendment alone and say that; since the states didn't vote on the preamble, there is no deadline, and the amendment takes effect with no further action needed.

MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2019

The Medicare For All Act 2019 was recently introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Pramila Jayapal on March 13, 2019. Senator Bernard Sanders introduced the bill in the Senate on April 10, 2019. The bills are numbered H.R.1384 and S.1129, respectively. The House version currently has 108 cosponsors, while the Senate version has 14 cosponsors.

DRUG IMPORTATION LEGISLATION

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2019 has been introduced in Congress (S.478, H.R.1170). This legislation would allow personal requests to approved Canadian pharmacies to be filled. Because of the way the bills are stated, intravenously introduced drugs are excluded from importation. There are another couple of exceptions to drug importation.. Note only Canadian drugs are covered. This is a first step to allowing people to purchase Prescription drugs outside the U.S.

SPECIFIC EDUCATION LEGISLATION

The Computer Science for All Act of 2019 (H.R.1678) would authorize the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to increase computer science education from prekindergarten through grade 12. The Protect Our Universities Act of 2019 (S.969) would create a task force within the Department of Education to protect against foreign governments accessing U.S. government funded research on college campuses.

Note: No summary of bills is given at Congress.gov. In order to determine the content of a bill it is necessary to access the "text" which is laden with legal terminology.

FREE POSTERS

Free women in science posters are available at <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=23086>

NATIONAL GREEN ALERT ACT OF 2019

You are probably aware of the "Amber Alert" which notifies the public when a child is missing. Newly introduced legislation is the National Green Alert Act of 2019 (S.699). This would put in place a similar alert to be issued when a veteran is missing.. The act authorizes the establishment of a committee to set up a system similar to the Amber Alert. This would have as its goal the reduction of suicides by veterans. The Green Alert would be triggered to help locate a missing veteran thought to be at risk. It is hoped that this action would reduce the number of veterans who commit suicide.

The National Green Alert Act of 2019 was filed by Senator Margaret Wood Hassan of New Hampshire. As of April 30, 2019 the bill has only one cosponsor – Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa. Consider discussing this bill at a chapter meeting, and then contacting your senators about signing on as cosponsors of the bill. Because there is only one cosponsor now, it can be assumed that any additional cosponsors who sign on did so as the result of DKG phone calls.

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

As Emily Ellsworth suggests in a New York Times article, phone calls from constituents are often more effective than emails because emails are depersonalized and easily ignored with other overwhelming requests for contact.

Do you know who your legislator is? Your national legislators are easily identified if you don't already know who they are. Go to Congress.gov. In the middle of the right-hand side of the screen is a black box which says "Contact Your Member." Then select either Representative or Senator. You will receive directions which will enable you to find your senators and representatives. Consider devoting part of a chapter meeting to legislation. Then have the chapter members contact their delegation stating the action you want taken. We are told that when five or more constituents contact a legislator about s topic, the legislator will pay attention and usually take the suggested action. A good trial run would be to contact a senator about signing on as a cosponsor of S.699. You can see whether your contact had any effect by checking the list of cosponsors at Congress.gov. If there is more than one cosponsor, click on "cosponsors" which will then show you which senators have signed on as cosponsors and give their names and the dates they signed on as cosponsors. (See "Contacting Your Legislator" below for the telephone number.)

CANDIDATES AND EDUCATION

Four of the presidential candidates have proposed some actions related to education. Cory Booker wants to help educators retire their college debt; while Kamala Harris proposes giving every teacher a pay raise via a new federal initiative. Amy Klobuchar would like to use an infrastructure initiative to update school physical facilities, and Elizabeth Warren is proposing the creation of a universal child care program. These candidates are actively seeking the endorsement of the large national teacher's groups.

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/>

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If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. [This is not 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

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