

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



Dear Sisters - I hope you are all staying warm and well!

As we continue through Black History Month, may we be inspired by the sacrifices,

perseverance and commitment of African American educators who have worked to obtain and improve equality in our schools, making a positive difference in countless lives.

Kudos to Ann Pember for hosting Elaine, Lisa, Sheila and I as we "divided and conquered" the necessary items on the chapter award form last week. After our productive session, I proceeded to get that crumbly virus that's going around, so unfortunately, I was unable to attend the new members' orientation.

I am so grateful to Leisa, Elaine, Hostess Evie and everyone who contributed to the tremendous job presenting information about our chapter and the important work we do to support educators and educational initiatives. I'm sure our guests were appropriately impressed and appreciative of your enthusiasm. This is an exceptional year! Eight of our nine prospective members attended the orientation and are sure to

make vital contributions to our Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

I'm excited for what our dynamic vice president, Lisa Frissen, has in store for our chapter meeting on February 21st. Lisa and I are already making plans to be roomies in Hickory for the Eta State Conference and the Southeastern Convention in Asheville in June. Besides required meetings as president of our chapter, I look forward to the growth and inspiration that is always part of networking with outstanding educators. I hope as many of you who can attend will take advantage of this opportunity to have these gatherings so close to home. The "Arts and Humanities" theme for the Southeastern Convention touches my theatre teacher heart, so I've already committed to presenting a workshop in Asheville. I look forward to discussing a Beta Delta Chapter table through which we can show off the creativity that is rampant in our group!

Despite the clinging cold (inside and out), the friendships and important work in which we engage provide warmth and focus for the future. I am proud to call you all "Sisters."

Looking forward,
Zoe

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Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 21
6:00pm @ First Baptist Church
(Potluck – bring a dish!)

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Highlights: December Business Meeting/Holiday Brunch December 1, 2018

Once again, we celebrated our Holiday Brunch at Sedgefield Country Club. President Zoe Dillard opened the meeting by singing "O Holy Night," accompanied by Marcia Payne Wooten on the keyboard. Chapter members introduced their guests. In attendance at the meeting were 45 people – 34 members and 11 guests. Amanda Hagen approved the minutes as written. Elaine McRae gave the report on membership. Four ladies dropped membership: Dr. Mary V. Compton, Dawn Potts, Ashley Velazquez, and Dr. Amy Williamsen. We had member reinstate from another chapter: Carol Thomson.....Thanks, Alice! WELCOME, Carol! Below are a few address changes:

Betty McNairy
3540 Wildflower Drive, Unit 535
Greensboro, NC 27410
336-288-3304

Deb Paul
208 Heritage Hill Drive
Jamestown, NC 27282
336-337-1440

Dr. Isabelle Powell
400 Avinger Lane, Apt. 130
Davidson, NC 28036



Elaine also gave the treasurer's report: Our balance as of 10/31/18 = \$6,216.01 which does not include the checks written for the brunch or other monies coming in.

Leisa Huddleston introduced prospective members: Hannah Caldwell, 4th Grade teacher at Rankin Elementary; Catherine Clifton, Managing Editor for "The Professional Counselor;" April Dunovant, Social Studies Teacher at the Middle College at UNCG; Vanina Hackett, ESL teacher at Sedgefield Elementary; Savannah Hamilton, Music teacher at Lindley Elementary; Zoe Chamberlain Nulty, Faculty Student Advisor, Elon University; Francine Scott, Retired English teacher and CIS Site Coordinator; Melody Smith, Spanish Teacher, Southeast Middle; Ana Wells, Curriculum Facilitator for Dual Language Program at Hunter Elementary. A vote was held for new members and all were accepted.



Jenn Kunka took pictures of any new members for the directory.



Money was collected for Schools for Africa an organization that provides water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in schools, school facilities and equipment, education in hygiene and HIV prevention as well as provide school supplies for children.

We then held our lively auction which raised \$2,353.61 for scholarships and programs which is the most that has ever been raised by a brunch.

The meeting by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."



Beta Delta Member News

Wally



I am adopting Wally or Sir Wallace this month. He had belonged to a friend of mine who died.
--Ann Pember

Beta Delta Members Submit to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery

Our very own Janis Antonek and Sharon Page submitted their talents to the Fine Arts Gallery this month. Janis submitted a short story which will be shared at our February chapter meeting. Sharon submitted this photo titled "Beauty in the Snow." Sharon wrote, "December brought our area a beautiful 13" snowfall. I love birds and we have many that visit our feeders. But the snow brought more than usual and this male staked out his perch. He was alone. I believe the saying that when cardinals appear it's an angel from Heaven. What a great thought! My day was complete."



How did this happen? My eldest granddaughter, Caroline, graduates from high school this year. Excited she's chosen to attend "THE "G" (UNC-G), my undergrad & grad alma mater, next year!

--Elaine McRae



We celebrated Evie's birthday with a surprise, homemade carrot cake (thank you Leisa Huddleston - it was scrumptous) after the new member orientation on February 7!

We're happy to announce that we have 9 prospects for membership this year! Keep up the good work, members! We're beating the curve when it comes to adding new members. Please come join us at Lucky 32 before the induction ceremony on Thursday, April 4. Contact Ann Pember or Claire Driscoll if you wish to attend.



Birthdays

February

Cathy Wallen - February 2
Evie Dickerson - February 7
Ann Pember - February 10
Mary Pendergraft - February 14
Anne Houseman - February 19

March

Jane Mitchell - March 5
Jennifer Kunka - March 8
Leisa Huddleston - March 11
Mary Lynn Redmond - March 15
Marcia Wooten - March 15

April

Barbara Moore - April 11
Sarah Beale - April 12
Lisa Frissen - April 16
Jill Moore - April 18
Yvonne Woodward - April 19
Isabelle Powell - April 20

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

Important Dates

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, February 21
6:00pm, First Baptist Church
POTLUCK!! Please contribute by bringing a dish!

Practice for Induction

Thursday, March 21
5:00pm, First Baptist Church

Induction

Thursday, April 4
6:00pm, First Baptist Church

Eta State Convention

May 3 - 5, 2019
Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

Beta Delta Member Spotlight

In this issue of our newsletter, we would like to pay tribute to Dr. Lois Edinger who passed away on December 20, 2018. As you will see from the tribute written by past-president Sheila Groves, Dr. Edinger contributed so much to both the society of Delta Kappa Gamma and to education in general.



Dr. Lois V. Edinger
Professor Emeritus, UNC Greensboro

Dr. Lois Edinger was an active member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for more than 60 years. The Society mission to promote women in leadership roles and excellence in education was accomplished by Dr. Edinger on a grand scale.

Assigned as an eighth-grade teacher in Thomasville, NC, Dr. Edinger began her professional career. After receiving a PhD from UNC Chapel Hill, she taught for 26 years at UNC Greensboro as a professor in the School of Education. In the early 1960s, Dr. Edinger promoted the use of TV in classrooms, teaching high school classes for the Governor's Commission for Educational Television's *in-school TV experiment*. Dr. William Friday, head of the NC University system, praised "her pioneering efforts in educational television" and commented she served education with "altruism, professional excellence, and a nobility of purpose seldom seen in public life today". In 1966 Dr. Edinger received the O. Max Gardner Award, the highest honor the UNC system bestows on its faculty members.



As National Education Association (NEA) president in 1965, Dr. Edinger stood beside President Lyndon B. Johnson in Madison Square Garden and encouraged educators to support the president's legislation for public schools. That year the Elementary and Secondary Education Act passed resulting in the first large contribution of federal dollars to the nation's schools. Dr. Edinger was also instrumental in the establishment of a Teachers Rights Fund to protect and promote

the professional, civil and human rights of educators through legal and other necessary assistance. She received the H. Council Trenholm Award for improvement of human relations.



Beta Delta Charter Members: Betty McNairy, Hazell Perritt, Dr. Jane Mitchell, Dr. Lois Edinger

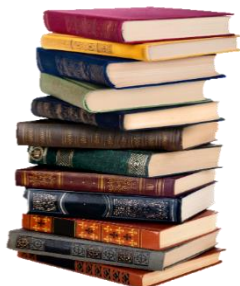
Initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1953, Dr. Edinger would eventually participate in expanding the organization in the Greensboro area into four chapters. She was a charter member of Beta Delta Chapter and elected as its first president. Dr. Edinger served in a variety of leadership positions on all levels of the Society, including state parliamentarian. She received the Eta State Founders Award in 2003, the highest award granted by North Carolina DKG.

A member of First Baptist Church in Greensboro, Dr. Edinger was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. An influential and admired educator on the national and international stage, she was the cornerstone of her family - ever encouraging, fun-loving, Aunt Lois.

Dr. Lois Edinger's lifetime was filled with powerful moments that helped define the direction of education in NC and the nation, impacting the lives of many. She felt the responsibility of citizenship and had a passion for improving the lives of others. Her calm resolve and courageous efforts on behalf of educators, multi-cultural studies, educational television, and the integration of schools and educational organizations continues to influence lives today.



2nd Annual Jamestown Library Book Sale



Expect to find

- Hardcover and paperback books (recent to vintage)
- Fiction, history, biography, cookbooks, crafts, and *much more*
- Children's books
- DVDs, CDs, LPs
- Games and puzzles.

Thursday, February 21

9am – 10am: Early Bird Special - \$5 admission

Items priced from \$0.50 to \$5.00

Thursday & Friday, February 21 and 22

10 am-6 pm (no admission fee)

Saturday, February 3rd (only)

9 am-12 noon: \$5 Bag Sale

Cash or check only

Proceeds will enhance the book collection
and support community programs at Jamestown Public Library.

Jamestown Public Library — 200 W. Main Street, Jamestown

News from Eta State

New Beginning Teacher Award Announced for Convention

Honor a beginning teacher by nominating her for the new Eta State NC 85th Birthday Celebration Beginning Teacher Award to be given for the first time at the Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory. This \$1,000 award will recognize an Eta State NC classroom teacher-member with less than four years teaching experience who demonstrates excellence in teaching. This teacher should be widely recognized as one who demonstrates a deep commitment to students, the teaching profession and her own lifelong learning. Nominations must be made by the chapter president or member(s) of the beginning teacher's chapter. Nominations forms are available [here](#). Nominations are due April 1.

Convention Hotel Reservations



reservation.

Reservations are open at the Crowne Plaza Hickory, venue for the 2019 Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5. Call 828-323-1000 to make your reservation.

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State NC Executive Secretary, asks if you are holding multiple reservations at the hotel under your name, to please add names of those using the rooms and release any rooms you do not need ASAP. "If you are holding multiple rooms that you may not use, then folks calling to make a reservation may be told no rooms are available," Barbara noted. At this point, there are still double rooms and kings available, but they may be booked quickly. Thank you for your help in making sure rooms are available to all who need them.

Eta State NC Convention 2019 Celebrating 85 Years—Share the Sparkle! Crowne Plaza Hickory, May 3-5

Special Sessions on Saturday

Treasurers

Chapter treasurers are encouraged to attend a special session at the state convention in Hickory to learn more about the electronic processing of dues that will begin July 1, 2019. Dues for the year 2019-2020 should be collected by June 30 and forwarded to International and to Eta State on or after July 1, 2019. International President Cathy Daugherty will lead the session.

Chapter Support from the Rules Committee

The Rules Committee will help chapters understand the changes in the International Constitution and Standing Rules and will provide a checklist to help chapters update their rules. They will also answer questions about the new updates to Eta State NC Bylaws and Standing Rules considered during the Second General Meeting on Saturday morning.

Professional Development, Personal Development, Society Business

Informative, enlightening and fun sessions in the three proposed strands will round out the selections for attendees. Among other sessions, there will be opportunities to expand expertise in creating newsletters, websites and Google forms; learn more about high school success coaching; glean ideas for membership recruitment and retention and beginning teacher support; and hear how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) affect a student's school performance and how to incorporate "Brain Breaks" in the classroom to maximize student learning.

Watch for the complete listing of convention sessions soon on the Eta State NC website's [convention page](#).

Proposed Changes to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules to be Shared in March

Watch the Eta State NC website and your email in March for the proposed amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules that will be voted on at the convention. The Rules Committee has been working diligently on the updates to align with the changes made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules at the convention this past summer, as well as reviewing amendments sent in by members and committees.

One of the proposed amendments, based on action at the International Convention, is to make collegiate membership part of the membership classifications in the Bylaws. The Finance Committee will make the proposal for dues for that group to be \$5.00.



Message from the Eta State President

Recently I was asked what inspires me about Delta Kappa Gamma. In thinking about this topic, several things came to mind.

- ❖ North Carolina DKG members inspire me because they are dedicated, intelligent, servant leaders who devote time, resources, and energy for a greater cause. Examples:
 - Chapters provide grants and scholarships
 - Support multiple community projects
- ❖ Friendships inspire me as they impact my life and support me during the ups and downs of life. Friends sending cards, emails, and gifts that SPARKLE have brightened my days.
- ❖ The Potential of DKG inspires me. As I attend meetings across the state, I see young members taking leadership roles and veteran members motivating others to be involved.
- ❖ The Generosity of our members inspires me.
 - Chapter Presidents donated \$1,350 to Funds for Florence
 - One chapter donated \$500 to a school library to replace damaged books.
 - Another chapter donated \$125 to four NC DKG teachers.

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

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

As you plan your year, remember that DKG is a wonderful support system for you. I challenge you to reflect on "What inspires you in DKG?" Share the Sparkle with those around you! Happy New Year!

Let's SPARKLE!

Connie Savell

Eta State NC President 2017-2019

Mark Your Calendar!



By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee
The Educational Law & Policy Committee encourages each member to consider going to the NC Legislature in Raleigh to visit her Senator and Representative on behalf of the students who depend on these lawmakers to make sound

decisions affecting their education. If we do not speak up for them, who will?

Join with other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters on Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. in the front lobby of the legislative building at 16 W. Jones Street. To find out who one's representatives are, go to www.ncleg.gov and click on District Representation on the upper right side of the home page. Choose Find Your Legislator in the drop-down menu, then use the maps to find senators' and representatives' names and contact information.

Be sure to download this year's White Paper on Eta State NC's legislative priorities, which can be found on the Eta State NC website at www.ncdkg.org. Click on Leadership at the upper right side of the home page, and then scroll down to Educational Law & Policy Committee. The White Paper is posted at the bottom of the committee's page. Helpful hints about protocol for contacting elected officials can also be found there.

Convention Dates

March 22 - 23, 2019 — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3 - 5, 2019 — Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

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>
Eta State NC Website: www.ncdkg.org

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PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS

There are currently two types of bills related to prescription drugs which have been introduced in this new session of Congress. There are the bills which concern all prescription drugs (S.102, H.R.465) which seek to end monopolies which the government has granted to manufacturers for certain drugs. This allows pharmaceutical companies to charge more for their drugs in the United States than they charge people in other countries. These bills if passed and signed into law would cause drug prices in the United States to be the same as the price of these drugs in other countries.

The other prescription drug bills concern Medicare Part D prescription drugs (S.62, H.R.448). These bills authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate with manufacturers to get fair, reduced prices for drugs covered under Medicare, Part D.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT UPDATE

As of January 15, 2019 the Virginia Senate ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). It remains for the Virginia House of Representatives to ratify ERA. In the previous Virginia legislative session a majority of the members of the House and the Senate signed on as cosponsors of ERA.

In addition to the action in Virginia, Georgia is actively considering ratification of the amendment. As of January 30, 2019 Georgia legislators have been discussing ERA. In Georgia ratification has support of both a Democratic state senator as well as a Republican state senator. Only one more state needs to ratify ERA in order for it to become part of the Constitution. Once one more state ratifies the amendment, the U.S. Congress will have a decision to make. Congress can either change the deadline for ratification or draft a new amendment. It is possible that whichever action is taken may be taken to court.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

Senator Dianne Feinstein has again submitted legislation to ban assault weapons titled the Assault Weapons Ban of 2019 (S.66). The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee and currently has 28 cosponsors. Getting more cosponsors will make it more likely that this bill will be reported out of committee. [It is presently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee are Lindsey Graham (SC), chair and Dianne Feinstein (CA), ranking member. Other senators on the committee are Marsha Blackburn (TN), Richard Blumenthal (CT), Cory A. Booker (NJ), Christopher A Coons (DE), John Cornyn (TX), Mike Crapo (ID), Ted Cruz (TX), Richard J. Durbin (IL), Joni Ernst (IA), Chuck Grassley (IA), Kamala D. Harris (CA), Josh Hawley (MO), Mazie K. Hirono (HI), John Kennedy (LA), Amy Klobuchar (MN), Patrick J. Leahy (VT), Mike Lee (UT), Ben Sasse (NE), Thom Tillis (NC), and Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)] If this issue is of interest to you, I suggest that you contact your U.S. Senator and urge him/her to sign on as a bill cosponsor. You can contact your Senator either by telephone at 202-224-3121 (this is not a toll free number) or by email through <http://www.senate.gov/>

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Some bills passed into law have a "sunset" provision. This means that there is essentially an expiration date on the law at which time it would have to be renewed (and possibly revised) or the law would expire. Some examples of this are the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which was No Child Left Behind (NCLB) during the George W. Bush presidency. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was recently revised and reauthorized with the title Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) during the Obama administration. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Higher Education Act both of which are revised and reauthorized periodically because they have "sunset" provisions meaning they will expire unless revised and enacted into law.

Another example of a law with a sunset provision is Senator Dianne Feinstein's Assault Weapons Ban which was passed in 1994 and allowed to expire in 2004 because it was not revised and/or reenacted.

Another example of a law with a sunset provision is the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which expired last year. Specific bills in the last session of Congress to reauthorize VAWA were offered (H.R.6545, H.R.6796, H.R.7390 and S.2120) and referred to committee. None of these bills were acted on and reported out of the committee to which they were referred. (I still wonder about the reason why one of the bills was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.) Very late in the last legislative session VAWA was appended to the bill which would finance the government. As you probably know that bill was passed by both houses, but it was vetoed by the President. As you also probably know the failure of the President to sign this bill resulted in the recent government shutdown and which caused VAWA to expire. Several members of Congress have vowed to introduce new legislation to put VAWA into effect early in the current session of Congress. Presumably the text of a new VAWA already exists which should expedite the matter. Currently H.R. 505 addresses Violence Against Women. It is possible VAWA could part of a bill which Congress thinks will pass and be signed by the President.

NEWLY REPORTED LEAD EXPOSURE CONCERNS

It has recently been reported that there may be lead in dirt, and this lead can be taken up by vegetables and other edible plants causing human lead exposure. The recent reports of lead in school drinking water in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have again put lead in drinking water back in the headlines. These reports will almost certainly lead individuals and/or other entities to test for lead in drinking water in other localities. It is interesting that in one school different concentrations of lead were found in different water fountains in the same school.

Lead test kits are available at Lowe's (\$9.98), Home Depot (\$9.97), Walgreens (\$9.99 ordered online with free shipping to store), and Ace Hardware stores (\$12.99). These test kits can be used to test for lead in drinking water as well as for lead in the soil.

CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

Several entities purported to be protecting Social Security and/or Medicare have been formed and become increasingly active. They distribute petitions and surveys which they encourage citizens to fill out, sign and return with varying suggested amounts of money.

These organizations include but are not limited to The Benefit Protection Alliance, Council For Retirement Security, The Greatest Generation, National Council For Survivors, National Seniors Council, National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), The Seniors Center, The Seniors Coalition, and The Senior Security Alliance. Although the National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM) has existed for 36 years the others are of much more recent origin. Some purport to be for actions which are totally unrealistic such as increasing Social Security payments to certain groups of seniors.

You may want to sign and return the petitions, but I would suggest that you refrain from donating money to any of them.

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>

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121.

Another way of contacting your senator is via email 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.