



# Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

NC DKG North Carolina State Organization,  
Beta Delta Chapter,  
Greensboro, NC,  
Region VII

DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

“Ready, Set, **GROW!**”

## IN THIS ISSUE

### President’s Message



Working on our Chapter Achievement Award application with some of our Beta Delta DKG sisters, I was struck by the

accomplishments of our members. We have sisters who have received grants, written books, published articles, submitted photography and poetry to the DKG Fine Arts gallery; submitted entries to professional journals and websites; women who develop and present programs for our chapter meetings—in addition to careers in education. This is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg (a little winter humor!) – our members include National Board Certified educators, Teachers of the Year; women who have earned a PhD or Master’s degree. The women in our chapter fulfill the requirements for service that keep Beta Delta in good standing – glamorous items like turning in IRS reports on time and submitting various communications to our state DKG organization. The dedication and

superior professionalism in our group is truly a gift. It is, however, not entirely surprising, since we are an organization made up of Key Women Educators-this is who we are We make a difference in the lives of our students.



I’ll share a quick story that goes with the photo of my two former students holding copies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial

Exchange. My article, “Daring to do the Big Stuff,” was published in the recent 2019 edition and editors requested photos to accompany this piece. It focused on a 1987 production of West Side Story I directed early in my teaching career. Using social media, I was able to contact some of the students involved in that production and was touched by how much that experience still meant...  
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### Next Chapter Meeting:

Thursday, May 21  
6:00pm at First Baptist Church

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## Highlights: December Meeting, December 14, 2019



**Members Present** – 30 members

**Guests Present** - 6 guests

**Music**- Catherine Clifton sang "In the Bleak Midwinter" (to the tune Cranham, #112 in the Episcopal Hymnal 1982) to open the meeting.

**Inspiration** - Thank you to Zoe for the inspiration.

**Treasurer's Report** - Elaine McCrae - The balance in checking before the brunch as of 11/29/19 = \$6,670.72

Thank you to Ginger Parnell, Jane Mitchell, and Cathy Wallen for their generous donations.



### Update on World Fellowship by Shelia Groves

Thank you for your continued support of World Fellowship. Contributions - 19 women received \$4,000 awards and 10 received extensions of \$500-1,000 for a total of \$83,500 presented to 29 women in 21 countries! The World Fellowship program was conceived at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Following WWII, the society selected four German women educators to spend 8 weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) to provide help to Korean women during the Korean War. Since 1960, the generosity of DKG members has made it possible for 986 women in 122 countries to receive awards totaling \$3,699,600.



### Schools for Africa money was collected by the members.

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and the most vulnerable children. Since the project began, UNICEF reports major gains have been made in

- early childhood education.
- access and retention of quality primary education
- HIV prevention in schools
- education in emergencies

Our continued support will help to provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for girls and boys, to build and improve classroom buildings and supply books, equipment, and furniture, and to train more teachers.



### New Members

Leisa Huddleston introduced our 4 nominees and members completed their ballots. Nominees for membership included Julie Gehling, Director of Counseling at Bishop McGuinness High School, Andrea Green, English Teacher at GCS Middle College, Jamie Powell, ESL Teacher for Randolph County Schools, Dr. Sharita Richardson, Instructional Coach at NCA&T.





**Celebrate a Teacher**

Shelia Groves talked about the 101 Donation Challenge. Our region has been challenged to get 101 donations. For \$10 you can Celebrate a teacher and they will get a Celebration Certificate. There were brochures on the table with the certificates already printed, you can write a check and mail. Let's honor some wonderful teachers and raise some money!



**Live and Silent Auctions**

Once the business meeting was concluded, the real fun began with the live auction full of jokes, creative selling stories, and laughter. The silent auction continued to the end. We wrapped up the meeting with a fun game from Dori Caligiure and Amanda Hagen. A bundle of prizes was wrapped in a LOT OF cellophane wrap. One person started unwrapping it while the next person rolled the dice, trying to roll doubles. When that person rolled doubles, the bundle was handed over and the unwrapping

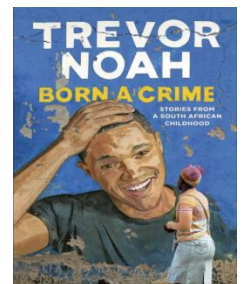


continued. The bundle was passed until the goodies on the inside fell out.



**Special Announcements:**

At our May meeting on Thursday, May 21, we will be discussing the book "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. Here is some information from Penguin / Random House: "Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life." Please read the book so you can discuss it at the meeting.



All four Greensboro chapters have been invited to a meeting with Alpha Chapter on March 12 at 7:00pm at First Baptist Church Greensboro. Alpha is having Ashton Clemmons, District 57, NC House of Representatives on. Ashton has been a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent in NC. She is working hard for education in Raleigh. Please try to attend if possible, this special multi-chapter event.

## Highlights: February Meeting, February 25, 2020

**Members present:** 25 present

**Greetings from Chapter President:** Zoë Dillard

**Report on Chapter Achievement Award:** As of right now we have 810 points. Superior is 600+ Thank you for all the hard work in collecting the data and great work to all the chapter members!

**Upcoming NC DKG Convention:** Myra Aderholdt, Lisa Frissen

Our chapter will oversee registration for the convention on May 1-3. It's not too late to sign up! April the 25th a group will be meeting at the Boxseat in Greensboro at 11:00am to stuff convention packets and bags. Anyone is welcome to come and help! We need all the help we can get! Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot. Items for the book basket are being collected and you can still send in items until April 25th. The baskets will be part of a silent auction to raise money for the Educational Foundation. Click [HERE](#) to sign up for your donation item.



### Committee Reports

**Scholarship Committee Report:** Kelly White Arnold made the motion to accept the application for the Anna Joyce Reardon Award to Lisa Frissen. Dori Caligiure seconded the motion. The members voted and it was unanimous to award the Anna Joyce Reardon Award to Lisa Frissen to help fund costs for the international convention in July. Kelly White Arnold made the motion to extended eligibility for the Shaw-Lewis Grant in Aid to any beginning teacher affiliated with a Beta Delta member. Lisa Frissen seconded the motion. The members voted and it was unanimous to extend the eligibility to the previously indicated areas and it was approved. Kelly White Arnold made the motion to

accept the application for the Shaw-Lewis Grant in Aid from Clancy Russell. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase texts for the AVID classes at Orange High School. Elaine McRae seconded the motion. The members voted and it was unanimous to award the Shaw-Lewis Grant in Aid to Clancy Russell of Orange High School.

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking as of 1/31/2020- \$8,802.53

We have made a \$100 donation to DKG educational foundation for Charity Golf Tournament- earned 30 points; \$10 check to Pauline Longest Leadership Fund- earned 15 points; \$300 check to DKG World Fellowship Fund; \$200 check to DKG scholarship fund; \$186 check to Headquarters fund; Dues are due by June before International Convention. Thank you to Mary Sharpe for paying her dues first and we have also received dues from 5 other members.

### Membership report:

Orientation was held at Evie Derrickson's home again and it was successful. Three nominees for membership attended and two have already paid their dues. Induction will be at First Baptist Church on April 16th at 7:00pm. (Sponsors need to practice on March 31st at 4:30pm.)

### Presentation: Dual Language Program

Analia Wells from Hunter Elementary presented on the Dual Language program here in Guilford County. Hunter Elementary is a two-way 50/50 immersion school. To qualify for a dual language program, a district must have at least one-third of its students who are English Language Learners (ELL). Our county currently has a few Spanish programs and one Urdu program in High Point (the second one in the nation). Dual Language Programs have many benefits including helping ELLs learn English without losing their native language which helps boost their self-esteem and maintains their family heritage and identity. Plans are in the works to continue these programs through to the high school level. A seal for biliteracy is also now available to these students when they graduate high school. Thank you, Analia, for a very informative presentation.



## Beta Delta News

### From February's Joy Jar

We started the Joy Jar to give members a way to recognize, appreciate and encourage one another. The Joy Jar is now DIGITAL so any member can recognize another anytime she wants! The link is here:

<https://forms.gle/b8HC8MwKgxRevbTrg>



Janis Antonek, what wonderful "sisters" you have brought into our fold! We are enriched by the quality and knowledge of those inductees you have mentored and encouraged. Thank-you for the gift of these new leaders.

Sharon Page, YOU are our artistic muse! Thank you for sharing your many creative talents with us. What would our holiday brunch be without your leadership?

Donna Ray, we know what a difficult year it's been for you! You are a beloved "sister" and you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Page is so creative and willing to share her talents!

Leisa Huddleston is a wonderful Membership Committee Chairwoman! She has sponsored several members herself and quietly does this very important job that is vital to our chapter's growth. Thank you so much Leisa, for the dedicated, hard-working and caring educator that you are. We appreciate your consistent commitment to DKG.

Lisa Frissen, YOU are amazing! There's nothing you can't do....from tech skills to your incredible leadership style. We, in Beta Delta, are truly blessed by your membership.

Many thanks to Analia Wells for providing the presentation on the Dual Language program at our February meeting. It was very informative and interesting. I'm so glad our county is providing this opportunity for students who have been through hardships unknown to us. At least this program makes schooling easier for them. Kudos to Analia for directing this wonderful program and sharing it with us.

Zoë Dillard deserves our heartfelt thanks for taking on the job of president when she was just a new member. She is doing a wonderful job and her inspiring story from her student at the last meeting was a reminder to all of us how deeply we often touch the lives of our students. Thank you Zoë!

Myra Aderholdt, how lucky we were when you became a part of Beta Delta. Your leadership, generous spirit and willingness to do the "hard stuff" is recognized and greatly appreciated!

Zoë Dillard, these last two years have flown by and your leadership and enthusiasm has created such excitement and growth in Beta Delta. YOU are a treasure!

## 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  
 Catherine Scott-Little – April 24

Did we forget you? Email the editor at [frissen72@gmail.com](mailto:frissen72@gmail.com)

## Important Dates

### Multi-Chapter Event

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00pm  
 First Baptist Church

### Induction Practice

Tuesday, March 31 at 4:30pm  
 First Baptist Church  
 (for sponsors only)

### New Member Induction

April 16, 2020  
 Dinner at Lucky 32 at 5:00pm  
 Ceremony at 7:00pm, First Baptist Church

### NC DKG Convention

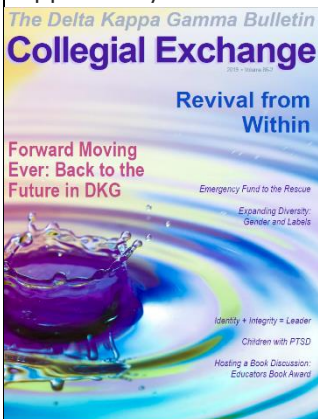
May 1-3, 2020  
 Embassy Suites Greensboro

### Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00pm  
 First Baptist Church

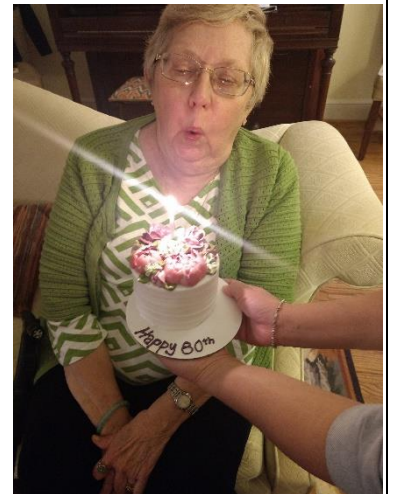
Editor's Note: Many apologies to Tanya for the delay in posting this news!

Tanya Feagins was installed on June 18, 2019 as President of the Greensboro Airport Rotary Club. She began on July 1 with duties to preside over meetings, to lead the club in growing membership, to inspire members to serve in the community and globally, and to encourage the development of youth services. Tanya has been a member of both the East Greensboro and Airport Rotary Clubs for eighteen years. The installation and awards banquet was held in the Orangerie at Guilford College with Dr. Ara Serjoie, Vice President for Advancement, welcoming members to the college campus. Past District Governor Lloyd Navarro installed officers to serve for the upcoming year. A brief history of the club's founding was given by Past District Governor Kathryn Billings. Tanya has served on the district level for six years as Chairman for Rotary Youth Exchange. In July of 2018 she coordinated the Eastern States Student Exchange Conference at the Sheraton Four Seasons for delegates from Montreal/Quebec, the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, and Bermuda. Both she and her husband David have enjoyed promoting high school student exchanges for yearlong and summer programs to countries in and out of the United States. This year Tanya has the opportunity for leadership in service at the local club level. Any DKG sisters interested in Rotary International can contact her for the opportunities, which the organization provides for leadership and service with one focus being basic education and literacy.



Congratulations to our very own President Zoë Dillard for being published in the DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange. Her article titled "Daring to do the Big Stuff" can be found online by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/37MlmYJ>. Her article is in the 2019 Collegial Exchange Bulletin 86-2 on pages 19-20. If you haven't read it already, please do! The message is to not be afraid to try big things even if you have a small program and little funding.

Ann Pember celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 10. You GROW, girl! Ann said, "Rinda and Vandy brought me dinner for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We all enjoyed Bravo's pork chops, mashed potatoes, and asparagus, plus, a Maxi B's birthday cake. Rinda also came when I had surgery. I was so blessed with visits, cards, flowers, food, and visits while I was at Cone and Camden Place. Thank you all!"



Thanks to all who intended the new member orientation. This was the last meeting we'll hold at Evie's High Point home as she will be moving very soon to Oakridge. We have 3 new candidates for membership and we're looking forward to welcoming them to our chapter should they choose to join.

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to them. One of the young women pictured supplied the photos used in the article. She said she uses what she learned in theatre to teach and train groups all over the world in her work as CEO and Executive

Vice President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. You know what that meant to me; we all have these stories. I hope you will share your meaningful student stories by sending them to Lisa Frissen for our newsletter, presenting them at a meeting or submitting one to a DKG publication. We are our own greatest resource as we inspire each other in our journey as life-long learners and educators. It's an honor to know you all

In loving fellowship,  
Zoë

## News from NC DKG

### Headquarters is Convention Project

Region VII has chosen NC DKG Headquarters as the 2020 Convention Project. Cash or checks will be accepted. Nancy Teague, Convention Chair, and Region VII committee members chose Headquarters because of its value to our organization and its ongoing maintenance needs.

NC DKG's charter hangs on Headquarters' wall, alongside pencil etches of all state past presidents and a beautiful handmade quilt depicting each chapter in NC.

Headquarters' budget is self-supporting and depends on chapter and individual contributions, gifts, memorials, and investments to maintain its health.

Headquarters, dedicated in 1999, experienced some well and pump issues last year and, as with any facility that age, there will continue to be expected and unexpected maintenance needs. The annual budget may not account for all the needs, so Headquarters makes a good convention project. You can learn more about our Headquarters [here](#).

### Calling Musicians for the Convention

By: Susan Kunar, Convention Music Chair

We need all musicians who are coming to the convention to be in the choir!

I have two simple pieces for us to sing on Sunday for the Ceremony of Remembrance. You may know these pieces already; if not, here is a link for each song for you to preview. I promise they are easy!

- "Hymn of Promise":

<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&type=audio&productID=3107927>

- "We are the Dreamers": <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&type=audio&productID=3272408>

I have a wonderful children's choir for Friday night, a soloist from Weaver High School for Saturday night, and our conference choir for Sunday morning!

If you have any questions or want more information about the choir, contact me at [susan.kunar1@gmail.com](mailto:susan.kunar1@gmail.com). Let's GROW!



## Ready, Set, GROW! Message from the NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

"Serendipity - It is a DKG Thing!"

DKG's Founders crafted its core values and goals that laid the foundation of the Society in 1929. Once a foundation was laid, it was time for pillars to be constructed. DKG members view the seven purposes as the "pillars" of the Society. But like all solid structures, there is a cornerstone of sorts.

Purpose 1—"To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship"—is that cornerstone for DKG. Can you see how Purpose 1 and NC DKG Ready, Set, GROW! bring serendipitous moments into the lives of DKG members? Let me offer first-hand experiences that showcase this purpose while capturing Ready, Set, GROW!

Summer 2019: An NC DKG member volunteered to demonstrate the art of loom weaving at the DKG Arts & Humanities Conference in Asheville. When completed it was placed in the Marketplace for sale. The piece was priced to sell but plans had been made to auction if needed. In the end, the auction resulted in four times the amount for which it was originally marked; the recipient (a DKG member from TN) and the weaver have now become dear DKG sisters, and the Society benefited from the proceeds as the funds were donated to the DKG Emergency Fund.

Winter 2020: A badge order arrived in Region XI from a Region IV member. The recipient of the order noticed the name of the purchaser was the exact name of a person she taught with years ago but had not seen or heard from in ages. She was also scheduled to visit that person's chapter in the next two weeks and, interestingly, the purchaser just became a member late last year. When the two connected it was like they were still standing at their old school.

Since last spring: My father was born in a small city in North Carolina . . . a city I had never been to until last spring. Now, not only have I visited the city, I have developed friendships with persons that are long-time residents of that city. These octogenarian women have taken me into their homes on numerous nights as my NC DKG responsibilities take me across this long state. This midway safe haven has been my home away from home, and their nurturing hospitality makes me ever thankful that they are in my life.

Serendipity is the phenomenon of finding valuable or pleasant things that are not looked for. Purpose #1 though is just that purposeful. So, we do look for fellowship in DKG. But it is so much more. The examples above showcase how genuine spiritual fellowships can take us across state, regional and generational boundaries. If you take time to reflect upon moments in your DKG life when things happen that you cannot explain, chalk them up to Serendipity! It is a DKG thing! Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President

### Convention Dates

**May 1-3, 2020** — NC DKG 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](http://www.ncdkg.org)

## Golden, LePoint Head Convention Speakers List



Jane Golden and Olympia LePoint will be the keynote speakers for the 2020 DKG Convention in Philadelphia this summer. Golden, speaker for the second General Session on Wednesday, July 8, is Director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, the largest public art program in the US. LePoint, keynote speaker at the third General Session on July 9, is an award-winning rocket scientist, science entertainer and educator. She is "Answers Unleashed" podcast host and recognized for her TED Talks and appearances on CBS, NBC, PBS,

the CW, Oprah.com, and more.

Registration for the convention will automatically enter attendees for a chance to win a small group lunch with LePoint on Thursday, July 9, at noon.

Read more about Golden and LePoint on the [Speakers link](#) of the [Convention webpage](#). You need to be logged in to see that page. Early bird registration for the convention ends March 6. Register before June 8 to avoid a late fee. Click the [Register button](#) on the Convention webpage to register online or learn more about registration options.

## Doctoral Recognition in Philadelphia

Members who have completed their doctoral degrees between July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020, will be recognized and honored at the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia. To be recognized, members must submit the following documentation by April 30, 2020:

- A copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures.
- A copy of the inside cover page with the name of the author, title of the dissertation, particular degree earned, and date it was conferred.

This information may be sent in any of the three following ways:

1. An electronic file source such as Proquest.
2. An email attachment sent to [lishf@dkg.org](mailto:lishf@dkg.org).
3. Printed copies mailed to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Attn: Phyllis Hickey, 416 W. 12th St., Austin, TX 78701

## Planning to Attend the International Convention?

Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon has researched travel options for those attending the DKG Convention in Philadelphia in July, including car, bus, train, and plane pros and cons. She shared that valet parking, the only option for convention hotel parking, is \$56 a day. DKG Headquarters staff, however, is checking other parking options, including a nearby parking deck. The deadline for the bus trip originating in Williamston has been extended but needs 35 deposits to confirm. Group and individual train options are detailed. Check out more information about the travel options on the [2020 International Convention page](#) of the NC DKG website.

Dr. Perry-Sheldon is compiling a list of NC DKG members who plan to attend the convention. If you plan to go, please let Barbara know at [etaexecsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:etaexecsecretary@gmail.com).

## 2020 NC DKG Convention Registration

New for 2020, convention registration will be done online using the Google Form found at <http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>. Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. For your records, a copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address provided in the form. Registration deadline for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020. Payment by credit card will be made using a secure online portal provided by Square. There will be a \$4.50 processing fee. An invoice from Square will be sent via email when your registration is processed.

If you choose to pay by check, print the Registration Invoice that will be emailed to you and mail a check payable to NC DKG Convention to Myra Aderholdt, Convention Treasurer, 6100 Pintail Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9776.

For questions about registration, please contact Cynthia Wooten, Registrar [cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com) Myra Aderholdt, Treasurer [myraaderholdt@gmail.com](mailto:myraaderholdt@gmail.com)

## Convention Workshops Planned

Various fifty-minute workshops will be held at the NC DKG convention on Saturday, May 2. Sessions will include presentations on DKG Society Business, Cultivating fellowship with Generations of members, Nurturing membership with Research-based strategies, Energizing members with Opportunities for leadership, and Developing chapters with Well-defined programs.

A complete list of workshop sessions will be posted on the NC DKG website prior to the convention. Renewal credit is available. Members should consult their local district for approval and required documentation. NC DKG provides a certificate of attendance published in the program book.

## DKG Aprons for Sale at Convention

Region VII members will be ready to assist you all during the convention. Look for the sisters wearing a red DKG apron. Here is our very own Sheila Groves wearing hers. In addition, these DKG aprons will be available for sale at the Saturday afternoon Marketplace for \$15.00 — a useful souvenir of a special time together!



## 2020 Ads 2020 Convention Program Ads

Place orders for convention ads now! Think about someone you or your chapter would like to honor or projects, events, even your business you would like to share with your NC DKG sisters. The ad form is available on the NC DKG website: [Ad Form & Instructions](#)

**Deadline: March 31, 2020**



## U.S. FORUM CONNECTION, February 2020

### VOICE YOUR OPINION

Information supplied here is intended to inform you of pending legislation and issues related to women, children, and education. Our intent is to provide you with information to assist you in making an independent decision on the issues and having the option to contact your Legislator regarding your stance.

#### Opinion: Education a key 2020 issue

Among all 16 issues in a December Gallup poll regarding issues in the 2020 presidential race, education had the second-highest share of people rating it as "extremely important" and "very important" at 83%. Education was one of five issues rated as "extremely important" by adults, along with health care, terrorism and national security, gun policy, and the economy. [Andrew Ujifusa. "Poll Points to Education as Key 2020 Issue, Especially for Democrats. But Hang On." Education Week. January 15, 2020 http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k12/2020/01/education-key-issue-2020-poll-especially-democrats.html?cmp=eml-enl-eunews2&M=59021424&U=252955&UUID=dcf379afo8119fa8d853cdc6f688bfca](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k12/2020/01/education-key-issue-2020-poll-especially-democrats.html?cmp=eml-enl-eunews2&M=59021424&U=252955&UUID=dcf379afo8119fa8d853cdc6f688bfca)

**Fact: Legislation to Follow: S.1578, The Do Not Track Act**, introduced and read twice on 5.21.19. S. 1578 has been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. This bill would require companies to limit data collection on Americans who check a setting in their web browsers or install a special app on their phones. It would also impose hefty fines on companies that, after people opt-out, continue the controversial but pervasive practice of collecting broad data about consumers' browsing activity or building highly customized profiles about them. Such profiles are commonly used to serve targeted advertisements. ["S.1578-116th Congress; The Do Not Track Act" www.Congress.gov](http://www.Congress.gov)

**Fact: S. 3245: A bill to advance STEM education, provide for improved worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes**, introduced on 1/28/2020 read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension. This bill would look to funding for STEM education to assistance in training of workers in the field. Follow its process on [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov) and [www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us) ["S.3245-116th Congress: A bill to advance STEM education, provide for improved worker training, retention and advancement, and..."www.GovTrackus.2020.January 29, 2020 <https://www.govtrackus/congress/bills/s3245>](https://www.govtrackus/congress/bills/s3245)

#### Opinion: Postcards that matter!

**WOMENS' RIGHTS AND THE ERA** The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first introduced in 1923. The text reads as follows: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." The Virginia legislature on 1.15.2020, became the 38th state to ratify the ERA for inclusion in the U.S. Constitution. The Dept. of Justice has ruled that the deadline for the ERA has expired. On 1.7.2020, the League of Women Voters wrote a letter to leadership in the House and Senate urging them to remove the ratification deadline on the ERA by passing S.J. Res. 6 and H.J. Res. 79. "The year 2020 marks significant anniversaries for the League of Women Voters and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Furthering equality by removing the deadline on the ERA would be a fitting tribute to those that fought so hard to ensure that women had the right to vote 100 years ago." <https://www.lwv.org/lwvus-urges-house-and-senate-remove-ratification-deadline-equal-rights-amendment> Let's join the League of Women Voters and tell our elected officials that 97 years is too long to wait for equality under the law. If you are interested in contacting legislators to remove the ratification deadline on the ERA by passing S.J.Res.6, contacts would be: Senator Mitch McConnell, 317 Russell SOB, Washington, DC 20510 and Senator Chuck Schumer, 322 Hart SOB, Washington, DC 20510 . For H.J. Res. 79, contact Speaker Nancy Pelosi, 1236 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515 and Hon. Kevin McCarthy, 2468 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515. [<https://www.lwv.org/league-expresssupport-removal-era-ratification-deadline>](https://www.lwv.org/league-expresssupport-removal-era-ratification-deadline)

**To learn more about your legislators**, what committees they serve on, floor proceedings and what issues they are supporting, use these links: <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives and <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate. White House 1-202-456-1111.

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