

# Beta Delta Bits

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 "Together, We Are Stronger—Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating"

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First Meeting of the New  
 School Year!

Monday, October 6, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Olive Garden Restaurant  
 3000 High Point Road

## President's Message from Diane Howdeshell



Dear Sisters:

It is time for the payment of dues. All dues must be paid by the end of October to remain a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. So, send those dues to:

Elaine McRae  
 3518 Old Onslow Road  
 Greensboro, NC 27407

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Send us your  
 Beta Delta News

c/o Diane Howdeshell  
 dhowdy62@gmail.com  
 (336) 687-1496

or

Marcia Payne Wooten  
 2900 Buck Shoals Road  
 Hamptonville, NC 27020

marciapaynewooten@gmail.com

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 7**, for a joint meeting with our sister chapters. Alan Brown, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, English Education, from Wake Forest University and Sara Dahill-Brown, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Political Science, from Wake Forest University will be our guest speakers. They will prepare a panel discussion about charter schools, transparency issues, vouchers, challenges of first year teachers, and Teach for America. The place and times will be sent later to members once we secure the meeting place.

Dr. Brown's research interests include secondary teacher education, ELA supervision, and adolescent literacy as well as various intersections of sport, education, and society. Dr. Dahill-Brown's research interests focus on public policy, education, state and local government, and democratic accountability.

A special thank you goes out to all members who contributed to the summer newsletter. Pat Taylor, President of Eta State, emailed Marcia and me a lovely note praising our newsletter. She said she was going to try Alice Hill's "Clicking for Literacy." Pat, in addition, extended her sympathies to our members who have lost loved ones.

**A special reminder:** Please set up a Gmail email account, if you have not done so. Many times, we have to mail information to members with attachments, and if we mail it to a work or school email, most of the time, the emails will not go through. Once the account is set up in Gmail, please send it to Marcia, Ann Pember, or me.

**One more thing.** We need a member to volunteer to be the **Awards Chairman for 2014-2016**. Alice Hill has done a fabulous job, but her term has ended, and we need someone to become the committee chair. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming chair of this important committee. Do not be shy. It takes courage to lead, and we have a cadre of members who are willing to help should you decide to be courageous and accept the chair of the Awards Committee.

Best,

*Diane Howdeshell*

President, Beta Delta

## Member News

**Dr. Amy Williamsen** has been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion entitled "Outlawed Emotions: Teaching Justice through Transgressive Affect" at the National Women's Studies Association 2014 conference being held this November 13-16 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She will share her experience of team teaching "Global Green: Sustainability and Cultures of Production and Consumption" where students develop intercultural competencies by tracing coffee and chocolate from source to consumer, exploring the social, political, ethical and cultural issues that emerge along the way. She has also been invited to give a public lecture on her most recent research on Cervantes at Concordia University in Montreal next April.

**Alice Hill** writes: I ran into a Beta Delta Sister I have not seen in "ages" this morning, (August 30th) in the Harris Teeter. Since I was "incognito" (hair pulled back in pony tail, no make up) I really was delighted when she called out my name! She says she will come to the October meeting at the Olive Garden on October 6th at 5:00n p.m.

Can you guess who she is? Here are some clues:

- 1) I am pretty sure she was a past president.
- 2) I know she had a Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship.
- 3) She received a letter honoring her 39 years of membership in Beta Delta.

4) She has had a name change and .....she looks radiant!

Can't think of who it might be? Come to the meeting to find out! And in the meantime, keep your eye out for members you have not seen in a while, and encourage them to join us Oct. 6th. Think of what fun we sisters will have together!!

**Marcia Payne Wooten**, newsletter editor for Beta Delta News (and Beta Delta Bits), announces a new email address for all Beta Delta and Delta Kappa Gamma correspondence.

It is:

[marciapaynewooten@gmail.com](mailto:marciapaynewooten@gmail.com)

Please use this address for all DKG and Beta Delta correspondence.

Also note please, that this issue is entitled "**Beta Delta Bits**". There was so much info for the last issue of **Beta Delta News** that I couldn't include it all without ending up with a massive newsletter and being able to issue it in a timely manner.

Just to keep you informed, there are guidelines for the newsletters if your chapter wishes to be considered for a Newsletter Excellence Award (and we do!!!). There must be four issues per year, with specific types of content. Because this issue of Beta Delta Bits will not contain all the different content types, only "local" news, it will

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**International Web Site:**  
**www.dkg.org**

**Eta State Web Site:**  
**www.deltakappagamma.org/**  
**NC**

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not be submitted for review.

However, two issues have already been submitted for this year (March 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015) and we received lovely letters from both Eta State President Patricia Taylor and Eta State Communications Chair Susan Kuenzel. Two more newsletters will be submitted before the deadline at the end of February.

As always, personal and professional news items are requested to help our members maintain contact with each other. Please share your news with us by emailing me at:

marciapaynewooten@gmail.com or

Diane at dhowdy62@gmail.com

To maintain a healthy chapter and promote the message and tenets of the Society, we need to know what is happening with each other and support each other in whatever life hands us.

And remember to print off one of the forms on pages 4 or 5 to renew your dues by the October 25 deadline. Thanks! Hope to see you at the meeting, soon!

## Important Dates

### **October 6, 2014 (Monday) - Beta Delta**

5:00 p.m.  
Olive Garden Restaurant  
3000 High Point Rd.

### **December 6, 2014 (Saturday) - Annual Brunch and Auction**

Sedgefield Country Club

**February 2015 - TBA** - possibly a joint session with other chapters

### **April, 2015 - Greensboro Chapters Initiation**

7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Greensboro

**April 24 - 26, 2015 – Eta State Convention,**  
Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill, NC (Region V)

### **May 5, 2015—(Tuesday) Beta Delta**

5:00 p.m.  
Olive Garden Restaurant  
3000 High Point Rd.

**June 15–18, 2015 – Eta State Leadership Development Seminar,** Raleigh, NC

### **July 15–18, 2015**

#### **2014 Southeast Regional Convention**

Westin Harbor Resort  
Savannah, GA

### **2016 International Convention**

#### **July 5, 2016**

Nashville, TN



## Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Delta Chapter

Active members, if you wish to divide the \$75 dues fee into three installments, please use this form. Mail your payments to:

Elaine McRae  
Beta Delta Treasurer  
3518 Old Onslow Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407

Thank you for being an Active member of Delta Kappa Gamma!

### Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Dues

Make checks payable to DKG / Beta Delta.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due October 25

Payment #3

Amount enclosed: \$25.00

### Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Dues

Make checks payable to DKG / Beta Delta.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due September 25

Payment #2

Amount enclosed: \$25.00

### Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Dues

Make checks payable to DKG / Beta Delta.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due August 30

Payment #1

Amount enclosed: \$25.00

### Photo Release

I grant permission to Beta Delta Chapter and Eta State to use my photograph on its websites and/or in chapter and state Newspapers and other Society publications.

Yes

No

signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Dues

### Active Members pay \$75.00

\$40 to International  
\$15 to State  
\$1 for State Scholarship fee  
\$19 to Beta Delta Chapter

### Reserve Members pay \$23.00

\$20 to International  
\$ 2 to State  
\$ 1 for State Scholarship fee

Dues are payable to the Beta Delta Chapter treasurer **by October 25**.

Please complete the form below and bring it along with your check to the first chapter meeting this Fall or mail your form and check to

**Elaine McRae**  
**Beta Delta Treasurer**  
**3518 Old Onslow Road**  
**Greensboro, NC 27407**

Reserve members use the form below to submit your payment of \$23.

Active members submitting \$75 in one payment, please use this form.

If you wish to divide the dues into three payments, please use the installment form.

### Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Dues

Make checks payable to **DKG / Beta Delta**.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Photo Release

I grant permission to Eta State to use my photograph on its website and/or in the Eta State News and other Society publications.     Yes     No

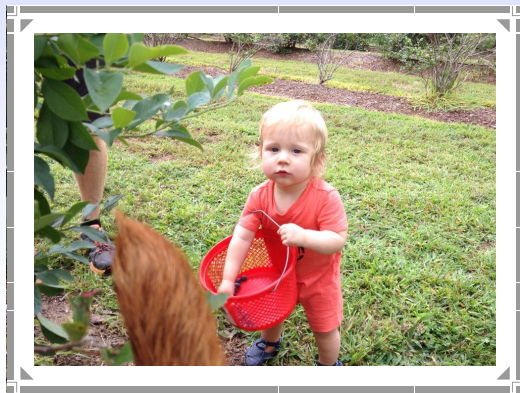
*signature* \_\_\_\_\_



### More Member News

A farmer in the making! **Mary Sharpe's** 14 month old grandson, Duncan, enjoyed the blueberry harvest at the Sharpe's Blueberry Farm in July. Filling the bucket was not the goal - continuous eating was!

Mary thanks all the Beta Delta sisters who came to pick and purchase berries: Lindsey Gump, Dori Caligiure, Deb Paul, Ashley Velasquez, Jane Mitchell, Melissa Harrelson, Donna Parker & Diane Howdeshell. Hopefully, more to come in 2015!



### School Days, school daze

tricks of teachers are the rage...

Who is in a better position to share what works to new teachers? We are!!

Submit your tips to our newsletter editor

[\(marciapaynewooten@gmail.com\)](mailto:marciapaynewooten@gmail.com)

and get your name entered into a drawing for a surprise at the first membership meeting on October 6!! Submissions are requested by September 30 to enter the drawing. There must be at least two submissions in order to have a drawing, so send your best, most useful tips today!!!

### The Summer Adventures of Elaine and Shella

It has truly been a DKG summer for me! As part of the Eta State Membership Committee, I helped conduct a chapter membership training workshop in Asheboro in June. It was well attended and focused attention on the 3 R's of membership: recruitment, retention and reinstatement.

In July, Sheila Groves and I attended the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis. We must have really wanted to go because we had to go through security TWICE just to get out of Greensboro.

Due to a canceled flight and re-routing, we spent a good part of our day in airports. The convention, however, was certainly worth the hassle. I am looking forward to a productive biennium with Diane Howdeshell at the helm. At our Beta Delta Summer Board Meeting, the ideas were flowing and exciting plans were being made. Let's begin this new school year with renewed hopes for DKG to lead the way to improving education in our small corner of the world.

*Submitted by Elaine McRae*

